



HARTFORD COURT RUSSIAN RIVER CHARDONNAY 2017

Appellation: Russian River Valley, California; USA

Winemaker: Jeff Stewart
Closure: Cork
Alcohol: 14.5%



Vineyard

The Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay is from small, high quality vineyards located in the Russian River Valley AVA. These vineyards are a combination of our estate properties, as well as a handful of growers and neighbors who carefully nurture their sustainably farmed vineyards located in the Laguna Ridge, Middle Reach, Sebastopol Hills and Green Valley areas of Russian River Valley. Each of these sub-regions bring complexity and character to the final blend.

Tasting Notes

The 2017 Hartford Court Russian River Valley Chardonnay offers subtle aromas of jasmine flower, citrus oil, green apple and pear. The elegant aromatics are complemented by fresh kiwi, lemon drop and Pippin apple flavors. The fruit focused mid-palate is followed by subtle mineral notes and a hint of crystalized ginger in the finish.

Winery

Hartford Court is the single vineyard premium bottling of the Hartford Family Winery, founded in 1993 by Don and Jennifer Hartford, through their love of the wines, the people and the unique vineyards near their Russian River Valley home. They were one of the pioneers of planting vineyards along the rugged Sonoma Coast AVA. Their goal is to produce intensely concentrated pinot noir and chardonnay from the small, low yielding, high risk, high reward vineyards.

Winemaking

Our winemaking is focused on artisan techniques:

All grapes are hand harvested at night or early morning, whole cluster pressing, indigenous yeast barrel fermentations in all French oak barrels, aged for 8 months, weekly lees stirring through malolactic fermentation, no fining and minimal filtration. These gentle handling techniques help promote fruit intensity, greater complexity and a wine with balance and elegance.

Stats

Cooperage: 10 months in 100% French oak, 32% new
TA: 5.4 g/l
pH: 3.41

