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HARTFORD
COURT

93
POINTS

2007
FOG DANCE VINEYARDS
GREEN VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"Deep red. Seductively perfumed bouquet of red berry preserves, five-spice powder and flowers. Juicy raspberry and cherry flavors are framed by silky tannins and gain weight with aeration. Richer black raspberry and kirsch qualities dominate the long, seductively sweet finish. Offers an impressive blend of power and vivacity."

92+
POINTS

2007
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

"Bright red. Exotic red and dark berry compote, cherry-cola and potpourri aromas are complicated by smoky minerals and herbs. Fleshy, seductively sweet raspberry and candied cherry flavors are strikingly pure and concentrated, with silky tannins adding support. Gains weight with air and finishes with excellent clarity and persistence..."

92+
POINTS

2007
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"Deep red. Brooding aromas of cherry pit, licorice, dried rose and dark chocolate. Powerful, palate-coating dark fruit flavors slowly unfold to display sexy baking spices and flowers. The licorice note repeats strongly on the finish, which hangs on with great tenacity..."

92
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2007
HAILEY'S BLOCK
GREEN VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"Bright red. Seductive perfume of strawberry, raspberry, dried rose and incense. Fleshy, finely etched red berry preserve flavors are given spine by a tangy mineral quality and gain weight with air. Clean, juicy and precise, with a sexy black raspberry liqueur note dominating the finish. This is delicious right now."

92
POINTS

2007
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

"Medium red. Exotically perfumed bouquet of black raspberry, cherry compote, smoked meat and incense. Fresh, spicy red and dark berry flavors complemented by a sexy rose pastille quality. Sweeter on the finish, leaving behind suave black and blue fruits and a hint of blood orange."

92
POINTS

2007
VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"Full red. Assertive aromas of blackberry, cherry-cola and potpourri are underscored by dark chocolate and licorice. Rich, palate-saturating dark berry flavors are impressively focused and given a bitter edge by cherry skin and pit qualities."

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2007
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"Deep red. Seductive aromas of black raspberry, patchouli, dried rose and minerals. Graceful red and dark berry flavors are strikingly pure, with candied floral and mineral qualities adding complexity."

92
POINTS

2007
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

"Bright gold. Powerful scents of papaya, pear skin and tangerine, with a strong mineral underpinning. Sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit flavors pack a serious punch and gain a smoky mineral and floral character with air that repeats on the lingering finish..."

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2007
LAURA'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

"Bright gold. Potent orchard fruit and floral scents are complemented by smoky lees and sweet butter. Finely etched pear and guava flavors coat the palate, taking on a spicy quality on the back end. Blends richness and energy deftly and finishes with excellent clarity and length..."

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2007
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

"Glass-staining ruby. Exotically perfumed nose evokes blackcurrant, violet, dried rose, iron and apricot pit. Stains the palate with sweet dark berry preserve flavors, picking up licorice, smoky minerals and candied flowers with air. This reminded me of a ripe vintage of Mouton-Rothschild! The finish echoes the sweet dark berry and floral notes and refuses to let up..."

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2007
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

"Ruby-red. Black raspberry, smoked meat and flowers on the nose. Graceful red and dark berry flavors stain the palate without conveying any excess weight. Extremely fresh and focused zinfandel with excellent finishing clarity and spiciness. There's a pinot-like quality to this wine that's very appealing."



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