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Stephen Tanzer's

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

MAY / JUNE 2013

93-94
POINTS

2011
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Pale gold, with a green hue. Potent scents of pit fruit nectar, seaweed, anise and smoky minerals, with sexy floral and mace notes adding complexity. Stains the palate with intense nectarine and pear flavors that are braced by a strong mineral quality. There's an intensity here that's really impressive. Refuses to let go on the finish, which strongly echoes the anise and floral notes.

92-93
POINTS

2011
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Bright yellow. Powerful, deeply pitched poached pear, mango and iodine aromas, with a zesty mineral overtone. Rich and broad but energetic as well, offering chewy orchard and citrus fruit flavors and a smoky nuance. Quite lithe for such a powerful wine, and showing no excess fat. Closes on a spicy note, with excellent clarity, energy and length.

92-93
POINTS

2011
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Vivid gold. High-pitched aromas of pear, anise, iodine and zesty minerals, with a sexy floral nuance that builds with air. Spicy and incisive on the palate, offering vibrant citrus and orchard fruit flavors and notes of honeysuckle, saffron and tarragon. Tightly focused and very lively on the long clinging finish.

92
POINTS

2011
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Light, bright gold. Sexy, floral-accented aromas of orange, poached pear, iodine and honey, with a mineral topnote. Densely packed and firm, with very good clarity to its citrus fruit, iodine and buttered toast flavors. Finishes silky and long, with suave aromatic persistence.

91-92
POINTS

2011
STONE COTE
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Bright, green-tinged yellow. Intensely perfumed bouquet evokes dried pear, honeydew, jasmine and chamomile. Spicy and firm on the palate, with bitter lemon and orchard fruit flavors that flesh out with air. A juicy melon nuance emerges in the glass and carries through a long, supple, spice-dominated finish. This wine, which saw 52% new French oak, is scheduled to be released in August, 2013.

92-93
POINTS

2011
VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Deep ruby. Potent, smoke-accented aromas of black raspberry and boysenberry, with a sexy floral nuance emerging with air. Rich but lively, offering vibrant dark berry flavors and exotic Asian spice and floral pastille flourishes. Closes on a chewy note, with impressive clarity and spicy persistence.

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2011
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Deep ruby. Cherry-cola and boysenberry aromas are complicated by exotic notes of sandalwood, potpourri and star anise. Dense and creamy in texture, with surprising lift and clarity to its ripe dark fruit and floral pastille flavors. Notes of Asian spices and mocha come up with air and carry through a long, smoky finish, which shows just a hint of tannins. I guessed that there was some whole cluster work going on here but I was wrong.

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2011
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Opaque ruby. A highly perfumed bouquet displays scents of red fruit preserves, incense and cola, with a smoky topnote that gains strength with air. Deeply pitched but lively on the palate, with a smooth interplay of ripeness and vivacity to its raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. The smokiness comes back on the long, focused finish.

92
POINTS

2011
LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Bright ruby. Pungent cherry and dark berry aromas are complicated by Indian spice and floral nuances. Broad and chewy in texture, offering sappy blackberry and cherry-cola flavors that provide impressive palate coverage. Gripping tannins build on the long, spicy finish, which leaves notes of bitter cherry and candied lavender behind.

91-92
POINTS

2011
HAILEY'S BLOCK
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Vivid ruby. A pungent, exotically perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red fruits, cherry pit, anise, vanilla and medicinal herbs. Sappy, penetrating redcurrant and cherry compote flavors gain sweetness with air and show a suave, silky texture. A spicy nuance adds lift to the impressively long, sweet finish, which leaves a juicy raspberry note behind.

91-92
POINTS

2011
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Dark ruby. Pungent, spice-accented aromas and flavors of bitter cherry, cola and Indian spices. Sappy, penetrating and pure, with a note of star anise gaining power with air. Closes on a smoky note, with impressive cling, chewy tannins and persistent sweetness.

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POINTS

2011
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Full ruby. Primary dark berry and cherry pit aromas are complicated by notes of lavender and peppery spices. Silky and appealingly sweet, offering vibrant black raspberry and floral pastille flavors and an exotic touch of star anise. Silky tannins make a late appearance and add shape to a smooth, clinging finish.



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2011
MACLEAN'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Vivid ruby. Smoky cherry-cola and Indian spice scents show very good energy and focus. Rich but lively, offering intense dark fruit flavors and a brighter note of orange zest. Shows impressive clarity and energy on the finish, which features fine-grained tannins and a late touch of candied rose.

90-91
POINTS

2011
MARIN COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

Bright ruby. Sexy, high-pitched aromas of black raspberry, star anise, vanilla and smoky minerals. Sweet, seamless and expansive, offering lively red fruit flavors and a touch of candied rose. Open-knit and very fresh, with strong finishing cut and sneaky, fine-grained tannins adding grip.



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92
POINTS

2011
DINA'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Opaque purple. Extremely fragrant, with red and dark berry aromas and suggestions of anise and fresh rose. Smells and tastes like a ripe pinot, with elegant raspberry and blackberry flavors and supple, seamless texture. Finishes smooth and long, with resonating spiciness and well-judged tannins. This is surprisingly delicious now but I'd let it age for at least a few years. As with the rest of these zins, from a vineyard that was planted over 100 years ago.

92
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2011
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Saturated ruby. Ripe black and blue fruits on the nose and palate. Exotic Asian spice and floral nuances gain power with air, along with a touch of candied licorice. Weighty but energetic, with strong finishing cut and smooth, well-knit tannins that add grip.

92
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2011
JOLENE'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Opaque purple. Explosive, very ripe aromas of black raspberry, Indian spices, licorice and mocha. Sweet and fat on the palate, with an exotic spiced quality to its dark berry and floral pastille flavors. Fleshy, harmonious zin, with excellent finishing clarity and lingering spiciness. These vines are over a century old, according to Hartford.

91
POINTS

2011
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Dark purple. Sappy, liqueur-like aromas of fresh cherry and raspberry. Intense and concentrated but lively, with appealing sweetness to its sappy red fruit flavors. The raspberry notes lingers with excellent tenacity on the finish, which is lifted by zesty acidity and shows a touch of youthfully bitter tannins. Made from century-old vines, half head-trained and half trained on wires.

91
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2011
FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Glass-staining purple. Pungent red berry preserve and bitter cherry aromas show excellent clarity. Rich and surprisingly lively, offering broad black and blue fruit flavors and a jolt of peppery spices. Closes on a sweet floral pastille note, with subtle tannins providing grip. Hartford told me that there's a little bit of petite sirah in here.

90
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2011
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

Inky ruby. Bright cherry and black raspberry aromas are complemented by hints of dried rose, black tea and star anise. Lively cherry and dark berry flavors pick up spiciness with air, along with a touch of candied flowers. Shows good energy on the finish, which is firm by youthful, fine-grained tannins. This rich but energetic zin will work well with strongly seasoned foods.



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