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ARRENDELL VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • PINOT NOIR

2006

VINEYARD CHARACTER

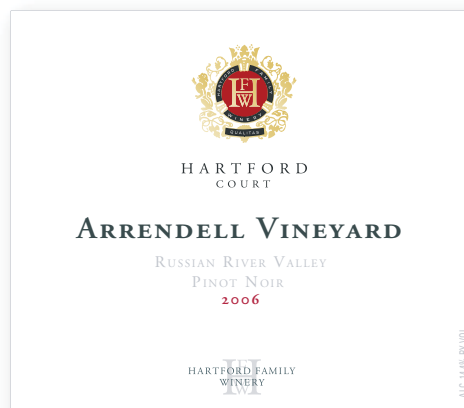
Arrendell Vineyard sits in arguably the coldest spot in the Green Valley sub-appellation of the Russian River Valley AVA. Each year this old-vine (33 years) Pinot Noir vineyard struggles to ripen fewer than a two ton per acre crop of the 'Martini heirloom clone' by Halloween. Pinot Noir is usually one of the earliest ripening varieties in Sonoma County, but the Arrendell fruit is often picked after much of Sonoma County's Cabernet Sauvignon, the latest ripening red varietal, is harvested. The cold meso-climate that results from cool air settling in this low-lying vineyard preserves natural acidity in the grapes and helps protect the pure expression of the unique, ultra complex *terroir* in this wine. Balanced natural acidity and density of flavors that result from these adverse conditions also accentuates the potential for extended aging of Arrendell Vineyard Pinot Noirs.

TASTING NOTES

The 2006 Arrendell Vineyard Pinot Noir is a deep, garnet-colored wine with complex aromas of red raspberries, grilled sage and baking spices. Concentrated red raspberry, Morello cherry and kirsch flavors complement silky tannins, layers of complexity and an incredibly long finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak; 70% new
Time in oak:	15 months
Alcohol:	14.4%
TA:	6.2g/L
pH:	3.49
Yeasts:	Native and cultured
Cases produced:	369
No fining or filtration	



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2006: 'Outstanding' 91(+/?)/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008

2005: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2007

2005: 'Outstanding' 95/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*, September 2007

2005: 'Outstanding' 92/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2007

2004: 'Outstanding' 90+/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2006

2003: 'Outstanding' 91/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2005

2002: 'Extraordinary' 96/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, February 2005

2001: 'Outstanding' 91+/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2003

2000: 'Outstanding' 92/100, *The Wine Enthusiast*, August 2003