



## HARTFORD VINEYARD

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • ZINFANDEL

2008

### VINEYARD CHARACTER

Don Hartford tends this 94-year old vineyard located on approximately seven acres along Wood Road in the Russian River AVA of Sonoma County. The vineyard is head-pruned and produces low annual yields of roughly 1.25 tons an acre. Some vines produce only a few clusters of intensely flavored grapes a year. The signature of this unique *terroir* is a sweet blackberry aroma and a supple texture.

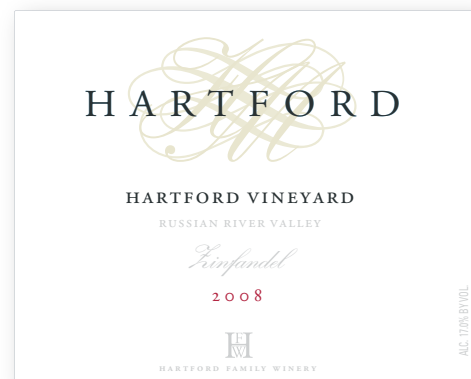
Wood Road has well-drained, low fertility, sandy loam soils over deeper layers of compacted sandy loam. Because the Italian immigrants who planted the Wood Road Vineyard in the early 1900s wanted to ensure long vine life and moisture for their dry-farmed vines, they placed a blasting cap where each vine was to be planted and blasted through the compacted layer. Today we continue to enjoy the fruits of their ingenuity and celebrate the legacy of 'dynamite' Zinfandels. The Hartford Vineyard has been farmed using organic and bio-dynamic techniques since 2004.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2008 Hartford Vineyard's low-yielding vines produce elegant Zinfandel characterized by a silky texture. Black cherry, blackberry, nutmeg and anise aromas are complemented by cherry cordial and blackberry flavors. The fine grained tannin and pure fruit flavors contribute to an opulent texture of this wonderful Zinfandel.

### WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 50% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Alcohol:	17.0%
TA:	5.7 g/L
pH:	3.77
Cases produced:	225
No fining or filtration	



### HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2007: 91/100, *The Wine Spectator*, June 2009
- 2007: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2007: 'Outstanding' 92/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2008
- 2006: 'Outstanding' 90/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008
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- 2004: 'Outstanding' 91/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2005
- 2003: 'Outstanding' 91/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, February 2005
- 2001: 'Outstanding' 95/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, October 2003