



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ZINFANDEL

2008

VINEYARD CHARACTER

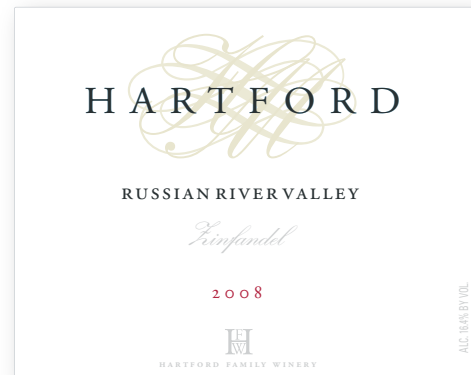
The Hartford Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a blend of old-vine, dry farmed and low yielding Zinfandel vineyards from the Russian River Valley. The average vineyard age is about 85+ years. Zinfandel grown in the Russian River Valley is distinctive due to the region's cool maritime influence, which promotes bright, natural acidity and vibrant fruit aromas and flavors. These dry-farmed vineyards, planted on low-fertility soils consistently produce wines of exceptional density, and extraction. To preserve exotic spice and sweet berry flavors, we use the same gentle handling techniques for making Zinfandel that we use with Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Our old-vine Russian River Valley Zinfandel offers tremendous balance of fruit and elegant tannins. Fruit bowl aromas of blueberry, loganberry, and black raspberry are complemented by flavors of boysenberry, blackberry, and anise. Mocha and allspice flavors add to the complex and elegant mouth feel.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak, 40% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Alcohol:	16.4%
TA:	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.79



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

- 2007: 'Outstanding' 91/100, Stephen Tanzer's *International Wine Cellar*, May 2009
- 2005: 'Outstanding' 92/100, *The Wine News*, October 2007
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- 2004: 'Outstanding' 93/100, Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*, December 2005
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