

# HARTFORD ZINFANDEL

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • OLD VINE ZINFANDEL  
2009

## VINEYARD CHARACTER

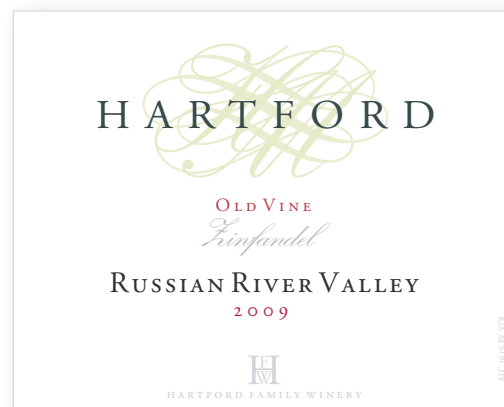
The Hartford Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a blend of old vine, dry farmed and low yielding Zinfandel vineyards from the Russian River Valley. These old vineyards (average vineyard age is about 75+ years) offer an impressive articulation of this idiosyncratic variety. Zinfandel grown in the Russian River Valley is distinctive due to a cool maritime influence. Bright, natural acidity and vibrant fruit aromas and flavors are a result of typically cool fog-laden nights and warm days. These dry-farmed vineyards, planted on low-fertility soils, consistently produce wines of exceptional density and legendary extraction. The 2009 Russian River Valley Zinfandel is a wine with beautiful depth of flavor and intensity. 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

This old-vine Zinfandel provides captivating aromas of boysenberry, blackberry and white pepper, complemented by flavors reminiscent of black raspberries, blackberries, mocha and nutmeg. Stunningly rich and concentrated, our 2009 Russian River Valley Zinfandel has incredible definition of fruit and an elegant and silky finish.

## WINE STATISTICS

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| Oak:            | 100% French oak; 37% new |
| Time in oak:    | 11 months                |
| Alcohol:        | 16.1%                    |
| TA:             | 6.0 g/L                  |
| pH:             | 3.66                     |
| Cases produced: | 1001                     |



## HISTORIC ACCLAIM

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| 2009: | <b>“Outstanding”</b> | <b>90 points,</b> | Stephen Tanzer’s <i>International Wine Cellar</i> , May 2011 |
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