



HARTFORD
COURT

Stephen Tanzer's

INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

MAY / JUNE 2012

92-93
POINTS

2010
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Bright yellow. Sexy, highly perfumed nose combines citrus and tropical fruits and notes of wet stone and iodine. Sharply delineated and penetrating, with firm minerality giving spine to the pear, orange and honeysuckle flavors. Wonderfully vibrant chardonnay, finishing with lingering notes of candied lemon and talc.

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POINTS

2010
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Vivid yellow. Zesty lemon and green apple aromas are complemented by notes of iodine, sweet butter and anise. Taut and linear on the palate, displaying intense, mineral-accented citrus zest and floral qualities. The mineral element repeats strongly on the pure, focused finish.

92
POINTS

2010
STONE COTE
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

Bright gold. Fresh melon and peach pit scents are brightened by suggestions of smoky minerals and white flowers. Fleshy and deep in pit fruit and floral flavors but also lively and minerally, with a zesty orange pith note on the back half. Finishes with striking persistence, leaving honeydew and peach notes behind.

91
POINTS

2010
FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

Bright yellow. Pungent pineapple, tangerine and peach aromas are complicated by smoky minerals and ginger. Rich and weighty but energetic, offering sappy citrus and tropical fruit flavors and a chewy texture. Impressively lively on the finish, leaving notes of spices and citrus zest behind.

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2010
HAILEY'S BLOCK
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Bright ruby-red. Candied red fruits and incense on the pungent, intensely perfumed nose. Spicy and incisive, offering sweet raspberry and cherry flavors that pick up a suave floral nuance with aeration. Shows a distinct spiciness on the finish, which clings with outstanding tenacity and persistence. This taut, focused wine has the structure and balance to age.

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2010
FOG DANCE VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY OF THE
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Vivid ruby-red. Heady, complex bouquet evokes black raspberry, blood orange and cola, along with a sexy floral overtone. Lush and expansive but lively as well, offering intense red and dark berry flavors that pick up spiciness with air. Closes sweet and very long, with a seamless texture and lingering floral notes.

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2010
FAR COAST VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Vivid ruby-red. Fresh cherry, raspberry, potpourri and allspice on the highly fragrant nose. Sweet, floral and intense, with bright acidity and minerality contributing energy to this taut wine's sweet red berry and bitter cherry character. Firmly built and sharply focused pinot with suave floral pastille notes lingering on the finish.

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2010
JENNIFER'S
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Ruby-red. Black raspberry, incense, rose oil and allspice on the intensely perfumed nose, with a sneaky note of cola gaining strength with air. The palate offers concentrated flavors of sappy red and dark berry flavors joined by a hint of bitter cherry on the back half. Finishes with superb energy and lingering spiciness.

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2010
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Bright ruby. Pungent aromas of blackberry, rhubarb, licorice, wild herbs and rose oil. Juicy, brisk and focused, with intense flavors of candied red and dark berries, anise and cola. Delivers a load of flavor and complexity without any excess weight. Finishes youthfully tangy and very long, with a hint of allspice and firm mineral bite.

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2010
MACLEAN'S BLOCK
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Vivid ruby. Deep aromas of black raspberry, cherry-cola, minerals and cocoa powder. Concentrated and ripe but tightly wound, with a sappy cherry compote flavor brightened by zesty acidity and slow-building spiciness. Shows very good energy and a mounting floral quality on the finish.

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2010
SEASCAPE VINEYARD
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Bright red. Intensely perfumed aromas of fresh strawberry, raspberry, lavender and Asian spices. A bright, juicy and incisive midweight with red berry flavors and complicating floral nuances. Closes with very good clarity and vivacity, leaving a tangy blood orange note behind.

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2010
VELVET SISTERS VINEYARD
ANDERSON VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

Vivid red. A heady, spice-accented bouquet evokes cherry-cola and blackberry, with smoke and floral notes in the background. Dense and chewy in texture, offering potent dark fruit flavors lifted by a touch of white pepper. Shows very good energy on the finish, which leaves sappy dark fruit and cola notes behind.



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LAND'S EDGE VINEYARDS
SONOMA COAST
PINOT NOIR

Deep ruby. Pungent aromas of black fruits, licorice, violet and fresh herbs, with slow-building spiciness. Then dense and lush on the palate, showing a seductive sweetness to the flavors of dark berry and cherry preserves, minerals and black tea. This palate-staining, vivacious pinot finishes with lingering spice and smoke notes.

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2010
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JOLENE'S VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

Vivid ruby-red. Lively, perfumed aromas of red berries, minerals, potpourri and spicecake. Silky and energetic in the mouth, with impressive intensity and focus to the vibrant raspberry and lavender pastille flavors. Finishes tangy, floral and very long, leaving mineral and spice notes behind. I wish more zins were made in this elegant style.

92
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2010
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FANUCCHI-WOOD ROAD VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

Bright ruby. Sexy, highly complex bouquet of blackberry, blueberry, violet and fruitcake, with a smoky overtone. Weighty yet graceful, offering sweet dark berry flavors with candied violet and clove accents. Impressively fresh and focused for its volume, finishing with strong spiciness and excellent persistence.

92
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2010
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HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

Bright purple. Powerful scents of black and blue fruit preserves, floral oils and cola, with exotic Asian spices adding complexity. Broad and pliant on entry, then tighter in the middle, offering seamless, palate-staining blueberry and mulberry flavors. Shows impressive vivacity on the very long, violet- and licorice-accented finish.

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2010
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DINA'S VINEYARD
ZINFANDEL

Youthful purple color. Intensely perfumed nose evokes red and dark berries, potpourri and Indian spices. Rich and smooth in texture but surprisingly lithe, offering juicy raspberry and mulberry flavors complicated by notes of candied flowers and star anise. Supple tannins add shape to the long, sappy, floral finish.

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2010
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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

(Made from vines averaging over 85 years of age): Glass-staining ruby. Spicy red and dark berry aromas are complicated by floral and smoke accents, with a hint of vanilla in the background. Juicy and precise in the mouth, showing understated blackberry and cherry flavors that gain sweetness with air. A graceful rendition of zin that finishes with very good clarity and energy.



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