



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

OLD VINE ZINFANDEL

HISTORICAL ACCLAIM

91
points

Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
February 2010

2008

Proprietors Don and Jennifer Hartford not only produce superb Chardonnays and Pinot Noirs, but also some of the finest Zinfandels made in northern California. The 2008 Russian River Zinfandel, a dark ruby/purple-hued effort displaying a big, ripe nose of black raspberries, briery mountain fruit, pepper, spice, and earth with a hint of wood smoke in the background. Full bodied, fleshy, and rich, this impressive Zinfandel can be drunk over the next 4-5 years.

90
points

Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
December 2008

2007

Hartford's 2007 Zinfandel Russian River reveals gorgeous sweet black cherry fruit, medium to full body, loads of spice, supple tannins, and that fresh exuberance that makes Zinfandel so appealing.

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Wine News
November 2007

2005

Classic varietal scents of sweet berry and cherry. Pretty flavor profile that showcases juicy cherry and cedar sawdust with a nice focus of backing acidity and spice...jammy notes, sweet nuances and balanced tannins.

93
points

Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
December 2005

2004

This gorgeously rich effort reveals a Pinot Noir like sensitivity along with a fragrant nose of black raspberries, cherry, spice box pepper and earth. In the mouth it's a flamboyant, seductive expansive full bodied, savory wine with beautifully integrated acidity, wood, alcohol, and tannins.

93
points

Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
February 2005

2003

Is a great effort for the price. Made from various vineyards, all averaging 80 years of age, it exhibits a sexy, up-front, raspberry, blackberry, and spice box-scented perfume, huge body, a peppery component, and a large, seductive, luscious finish with no hard edges.

93
points

Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
October 2003

2001

Exhibits a dense ruby/purple color as well as a glorious bouquet of blackberries, raspberries, spice and a hint of wood. Full-bodied and opulent, with well-integrated acidity as well as tannin, this full-throttle, full-bodied, yet remarkably well-balanced Zinfandel should drink well for 5-7 years.

94
points

Anthony Gismondi
Wine Access Magazine
November 2003

2000

One of the great Zins of recent memory; a gentle giant with super fragrant and authentic Zin aromas of blueberry, lavender, forest scents and mild oak sweetness. Same delicious, ripe fruit drenches the palate yet there is great balance of firm acidity and alcohol. The latter stands at a whopping 15.9% but there is so much sweet fruit that it barely registers as a heat on the finish. Very dense yet well proportioned, with excellent length.

90
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Robert Parker's
The Wine Advocate
October 2003

2000

Along with Turley Cellars and Robert Biale, Hartford has become one of northern California's most compelling Zinfandel producers. That is evidenced by the following five Zinfandels, all heavyweights from a difficult vintage. The 2000 Hartford Zinfandel Russian River is a sexy, sweet, ripe effort with oodles of briery, berry fruit intermixed with pepper, earth, and new oak.