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Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

The
WINE
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95
POINTS

2001
THREE JACKS VINEYARD
GREEN VALLEY
CHARDONNAY

"Another brilliant offering is the **2001 Chardonnay Three Jacks Vineyard**, a 520-case cuvée from the cool Green Valley. It possesses a fabulous texture, medium to full body, and a potentially superb nose of flint, lemon oils, pineapples, background toasty oak, and a hint of caramel. Full-bodied, weighty, and rich yet remarkably agile on its feet because of good underlying acidity, this stunning Chardonnay should drink well for 5-6 years."

94
POINTS

2001
LAURA'S
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

"From the Sonoma Coast, the **2001 Chardonnay Laura's** offers a stunning array of tropical fruits along with hints of butterscotch, orange marmalade, and spring flowers. Full, rich, and extremely pure, with a multilayered texture, this is another brilliant Chardonnay that showcases Mike Sullivan's winemaking talents."

93
POINTS

2001
STONE CÔTE
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

"His 2001 Chardonnays, much like his 2001 Zinfandels, appear to be the finest yet produced by this Russian River winery. All four Chardonnays are French in style, and could easily be mistaken for Côte de Beaune grand crus, particularly the **2001 Chardonnay Stone Côte**. A California version of Chevalier-Montrachet, it is fashioned from an old Wente clone. Boasting an incredible earthy, liquid minerality intermixed with subtle lemon oil, pear, and white peach characteristics, this full-bodied Chardonnay possesses good acidity and a restrained personality. It is bursting at the seams with intensity as well as power."

92+
POINTS

2001
SEASCAPE
SONOMA COAST
CHARDONNAY

"The cool climate **2001 Chardonnay Seascape**, from a vineyard not harvested until November, exhibits high acidity along with a liquid flint-like bouquet offering notes of honeyed grapefruit, nectarines, and a striking minerality. This lustrous, singular style of Chardonnay has more in common with a grand cru Chablis than most California Chardonnays. It should provide immense pleasure over the next 4-6 years."

91+
POINTS

2001
ARRENDELL VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR

"The **2001 Pinot Noir Arrendell Vineyard** possesses sweet raspberry liqueur-like aromas intermixed with notions of beet root, oak, and damp earth. Rich and medium-bodied with tart acidity as well as a firm, moderately tannic finish, there is a lot going on in this limited production 310-case offering."

90+
POINTS

2001
MARIN VINEYARD
MARIN COUNTY
PINOT NOIR

"The intense **2001 Pinot Noir Marin Vineyard** offers aromas of rose petals intermixed with smoke, pomegranate, and cherries in a medium-bodied, mocha-infused personality. There is excellent richness, good underlying acidity, and a firm, moderately tannic finish."

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POINTS

2001
HARTFORD VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER
ZINFANDEL

"From proprietor Don Hartford's 90-year-old vineyard, the **2001 Zinfandel Hartford Vineyard** is a pedal-to-the-metal effort with a dense purple color as well as a sumptuous perfume of blackberries, boysenberries, and smoke. Full-bodied and viscous, but not over the top, this extraordinary expression of Zinfandel is one of the vintage's superstars. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."

94
POINTS

2001
HIGHWIRE VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER
ZINFANDEL

"From a 90-year-old vineyard, the **2001 Zinfandel Highwire Vineyard** boasts a saturated ruby/purple color in addition to a big, earthy bouquet filled with aromas of black fruits, spice, cloves, and a touch of pepper. This dense, full-bodied, chewy effort reveals loads of glycerin, great purity, and remarkable balance for a wine of this size (16% alcohol). It should drink well for 5-8 years."

93
POINTS

2001
RUSSIAN RIVER
ZINFANDEL

"The **2001 Zinfandel Russian River** 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."

91
POINTS

2001
DINA'S VINEYARD
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ZINFANDEL

"The **2001 Zinfandel Dina's Vineyard** emerges from a dry-farmed, head-pruned 95-year old vineyard. There are 325 cases of this offering, which tips the scales at a lofty 15.9% alcohol. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a big, sweet nose of blackberries, boysenberries, and chocolatey black cherries. Medium to full-bodied and rich, with more minerality and structure than the Russian river cuvee, it is a less opulent, but beautifully made, full-throttle effort to enjoy over the next few years."

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