



HARTFORD
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FOUR HEARTS VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY • CHARDONNAY

2006

VINEYARD CHARACTER

Our family of four makes Four Hearts Vineyards Chardonnay from estate and neighboring vineyards located in the four key regions that form the heart of the Russian River Valley AVA; the Middle Reach, Laguna Ridge, Green Valley and the Santa Rosa Bench. The soil is a mixture of ash and lava from ancient volcanoes plus alluvial gravel from rivers and streams. The so-called “Goldridge” soils (sandy loam) found here are prized for fine wine production because they drain well and are not very fertile.

The vineyards are planted with very distinctive Chardonnay clonal selections that range from the Wente, Raffo and Rued Chardonnay field selections to Dijon Clone 95. These distinctive clones (or field selections) are picked and fermented separately. Only the best barrels from each lot are blended to make the final bottling. The Chardonnay has a weighty texture with spicy and layered flavors, which finishes with a brightness that reflects the cool-climate origins of stellar vineyards. 100% barrel fermented, 100% malolactic with weekly lees stirring in the barrel (batonnage).

TASTING NOTES

Complex aromas and flavors of white peach, citrus blossom, Asian pear and candied lemon give way to a rich and weighty mid-palate, followed by a layered, spice infused finish.

WINE STATISTICS

Oak:	100% French oak; 33% new
Time in oak:	10 months
Alcohol:	14.3%
TA:	5.8g/L
pH:	3.57
Yeasts:	Native and cultured



HISTORIC ACCLAIM

2006: ‘Outstanding’ 91/100, Stephen Tanzer’s *International Wine Cellar*, May 2008

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