

# Editors' CHOICE

## Hartford Family Winery

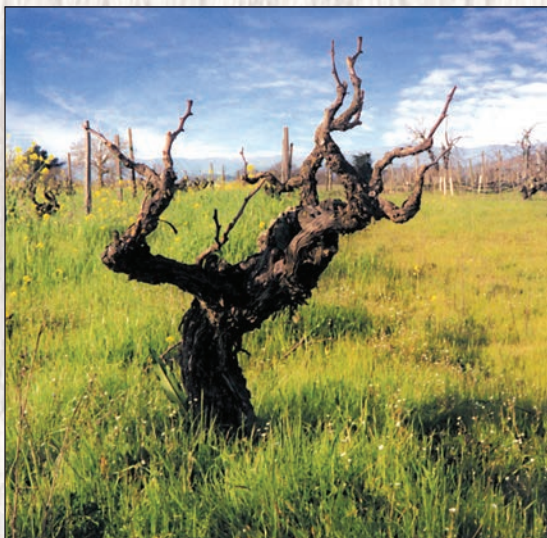


FOUNDED BY DON AND JENNIFER HARTFORD IN 1993 IN SONOMA County's Russian River Valley, Hartford Family Winery ([www.hartfordwines.com](http://www.hartfordwines.com)) produced its first vintage in 1994 and specializes in small-lot, single vineyard Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and old-vine Zinfandel.

Hartford's wine growing philosophy is described as "high-risk, high-reward," and its owners seek out difficult and marginal vineyard sites in marquee maritime sub-appellations of the Sonoma Coast because they believe some of the most difficult places to grow wine grapes produce wines of the greatest character.

All wines at Hartford Family Winery are aged in tight-grained French oak barrels for 10 to 16 months before bottling, which offer elegantly delineated clove, spice, and vanillin flavors to the wines.

Led by winemaker Jeff Stewart, Hartford's wines have been recognized by such prestigious publications as *Wine Enthusiast*, *Wine Spectator*, and Robert Parker's *Wine Advocate*. Information can be found online for those interested in joining the Hartford Family Wine Club, which allows access to the winery's limited production releases. ●



*Don Hartford examines grapes (above); Dina's Zinfandel Vineyard (left); Hartford's Far Coast Vineyard (below)*