

The World of Wine

Hartford Family Winery

BASED IN FORESTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, Hartford Family Winery (www.hartfordwines.com) is a family-owned artisan winery which produced its first vintage in 1994.

Don and Jennifer Hartford founded the winery in 1993 in Sonoma County, 15 miles from the Pacific Ocean. The winery specializes in small-lot, single vineyard pinot noir, chardonnay, and old-vine zinfandel from marquee maritime sub-appellations of the Sonoma Coast.

Hartford's wine growing philosophy is described as "high-risk, high-reward," and they seek out difficult and marginal vineyard sites for their bottlings because they believe that some of the most difficult places to grow wine grapes often 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 more elegantly delineated clove, spice, and vanillin flavors to the wines.

Led by winemaker Jeff Mangahas, Hartford's wines have been recognized by such prestigious publications as *Wine Enthusiast* and *Wine Spectator*. Information can be found online for those interested in joining the Hartford Family Wine Club. ●



Annapolis Vineyards (upper right corner); Hartford winery (center); Seascape view at the winery (left); Don Hartford (above)