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Hop Kiln in Healdsburg began as an ode to beer rather than wine.

But in its current incarnation as a winery, it has a reputation for making tasty pinots like our wine of the week winner HK Generations, 2007 Russian River Valley at \$40.

What makes the wine a standout? Winemaker Chuck Mansfield said it's the distinctive blocks on the vineyard property from "river flats and benchlands, where the sandy soils are shallow and well-drained, to steep slopes. ... The most subtle nuances in the vineyards stand out in the cellar." Continue reading [here](#)...

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