

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2005 PINOT NOIR

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Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 36 cases
Alcohol: 14.9%

The Vintage:

The 2005 vintage was the finest this winery has ever seen. Excellent for Chardonnay and especially for Pinot Noir. The yield was low due to late spring rain which caused shatter. The further west the greater the impact. The growing season was long with no weather related abnormalities which lasted well into the end of October, creating longer than normal hang time. Save for low yields a near perfect vintage.

Winemaker's Notes:

This Pinot is immediately impressive for its intense, sweet-natured fruit and vivid focus. Its aromas of bright red cherries, dried orange peel and ideally ripened Santa Rosa plums find a charming harmony with smoke, pink peppercorn and mineral elements. Just as precocious, but even more beautifully spiced, the flavors offer pomegranate syrup, sweet cherry, red licorice, dried orange, smoke and roasted grain in a seamless, lingering, progressively more classically-tuned display. Certain to bring great pleasure now for its native fruitiness, it will reward the patient with a truly sophisticated wine that will be more akin to great Burgundy. 36 cases produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 14, 2006
Yield: .30 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.4 g/L
pH: 3.65
Alcohol: 14.9%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

Sonoma Coast/Russian River Valley
Blank Road Vineyard:
Clone: 115 & 777

Aging:

Fifteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 67% new;
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

October 10th at 25.9 degree brix

Release Date:

September 15, 2007

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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