

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2005 PINOT NOIR

SEXTON



**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 150 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.3%

**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:**

The sweet-citric vibrance of a great Russian River vintage is clearly apparent in the nose of this Pinot, as scents of sweet cherry, red raspberry, pomegranate, rose petal jelly, and pink peppercorn seem to gush forth. The cascade of juicy, yet focused fruit continues on the palate, but is reined into a more classic form by mineral notes, smoke, tannin and savory spice. The finish also carries the stamp of perfectly realized ripeness and vitality, but here the rush of cherry-raspberry-pomegranate-peppercorn takes a much more elegant turn and textural counterpoints of suppleness and firmness make everything seem racy and elevated. Expect ever increasing beauty over the next several years.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 14, 2006  
Yield: 1.7 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L  
pH: 3.68  
Alcohol: 14.3%  
Unfined/unfiltered

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Sexton Road Vineyard:  
Clone: 113, 114, 115, 777 & 828

**Aging:**

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

**Harvest:**

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 25.9  
degree brix

**Release Date:**

September 15, 2007

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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