

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2005 PINOT NOIR

SYLVIA'S



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 109 cases
Alcohol: 14.5%

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 latest in a line of increasingly impressive Sylvias bottlings and clearly the grandest of them, this Pinot shows an aromatic display of sweetly fragrant red and yellow rose and beautifully defined red cherry, red currant and wild strawberry, in a savory marriage with roasted cereal grains, sumac and pink peppercorn. In the mouth, the wine is wonderfully supple, palate-coating rich and has a sinuous impression of grip. The flavors reveal a wine of enormous concentration and length, as sweet cherry, Santa Rosa plum, wild strawberry, pink peppercorn, yellow rose, grain, smoke and dark spices join in a luxurious harmony. Altogether lovely and up to the grandest food pairings, this is a wine to build celebrations around. It will only get better with age.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 14, 2006
Yield: 1.9 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L
pH: 3.67
Alcohol: 14.5%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Dutton Ranch – Sylvia's Vineyard:
Dijon Clone 115

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 4th at 25.9 degree brix

Release Date:

September 15, 2007

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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