

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2005 PINOT NOIR

TWIN HILL



**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 72 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.1%

#### **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:**

Luxuriant and seductive, this beautiful Pinot offers aromas of dark red cherry, sweet plum and Mr. Lincoln roses, spiced with white pepper and powdered sumac, over a firmer core of darker fruits and mineral spice. Its youth is more obvious on the palate, where everything seems more coiled and energetic, and although the floral, citric, mineral, roasted grain and sweet red fruit notes are all vividly expressed, they lack the well-evolved harmony the nose has attained. The finish is lingering and focused, but is stiffened by a bit of tannin. Although it is a wine that can do fine service with a fatty roast or sauteed duck breast right now, this Pinot will prove more generous and vastly more elegant with cellaring. It will prove a treasure for the patient.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 14, 2006  
Yield: 1.9 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L  
pH: 3.64  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
Unfined/unfiltered

#### **Grape Source:**

Sonoma Coast/Russian River Valley  
Twin Hill 'Shop' Vineyard:  
*Dijon Clone 777*  
Twin Hill 'Sperry' Vineyard:  
*Swan Selection*

#### **Aging:**

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

#### **Harvest:**

October 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at 25.6 degree brix

#### **Release Date:**

September 15, 2007

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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