

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Bailey



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 112 cases
Alcohol: 14.0%

The Vintage:

2007 was a nearly perfect growing season which led to a nearly perfect vintage. Unusually dull summer days of moderate sunshine and heat kept everything even during the growing season. Then an unusual heat spike (which seems to be more usual every year) in the final days of August started to elevate sugars. Cooler heads prevailed; those who did not panic were rewarded with cool temperatures in September and October. Longer than usual hang time ensued and unusual wines of unusual quality were the result.

Winemaker's Notes:

This is a Pinot that has a sense of youthful reserve almost as noticeable as the purity of its fruit. The aromas definitely want airing to bring them to full expression, but they fan-out as a well harmonized mix of red cherry, Grenadine, red rose, vanilla, grain and sandalwood. On the palate, sweet cherry notes become the main theme and the wines impression of clarity holds beautifully, but things are darkened a bit by emerging smoke and bouillon notes. The finish is lingering, yet that youthful tightness is apparent as well, and it will take a few years in the cellar to fully determine precisely how the wines sweet fruit and savory spice might marry. It should be well worth waiting for. 4 barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 19, 2008
Yield: 2.1 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.66
Alcohol: 14.0%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Bailey Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 114, 115, 667 & 777

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 2nd at 24.4 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2009

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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