

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Holder



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 136 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 focused bottling is perhaps a bit less-evolved than its siblings and it may ultimately need a bit more time to fully express itself. At this point it needs airing to reveal all it has to offer, but pretty aromas of sweet red cherry, red raspberry, hints of dried orange and roasted cereal grain reward the patient. It is a bit more forthcoming on the palate, where Boysenberry, red raspberry, dried orange, toast, grain and some firming mineral notes fan-out in a neatly balanced melange. The finish has some tannic grip, but it lingers well, and extended airing brings forth richer notes of Amarena cherry and pomegranate which suggest that cellaring this one could bring some lovely surprises. 5 Barrels Produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 19, 2008
Yield: 2.4 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.66
Alcohol: 14.0%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Holder Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 115 & 667

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 14th at 25.1 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2009

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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