

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Joyce



**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 111 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.1%

#### **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:**

Initially, the mineral and oak underpinnings of this tautly structured wine are nearly as prominent as its beautifully rendered fruit. However, if at first darkly smoky, the aromas gradually fan-out as a layered perfume of Kirsch-laced raspberry, red plum, red rose petal, coriander seed, roasted grain, tobacco-shop spice and river stone-like terroir elements. Airing performs the same magic on the wonderfully elegant yet penetrating flavors which, in contrast to the wine's tight, sinewy mouth-feel, rise as a lingering wave of Amarena cherry, plum, raspberry, yellow rose, pink peppercorn, coriander seed and grain. A brilliant success, it is certain to improve for years in the cellar and should provide new delights as each successive bottle is explored. 4 Barrels produced.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 19, 2008  
Yield: 1.5 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L  
pH: 3.60  
Alcohol: 14.1%

#### **Grape Source:**

Sonoma Coast  
Joyce Vineyard:  
*Dijon Clone: 115 & 777*

#### **Aging:**

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

#### **Harvest:**

October 10<sup>th</sup> at 24.8 degree Brix

#### **Release Date:**

October 1, 2009

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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