

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2008 PINOT NOIR

Holder



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 77 cases
Alcohol: 14.7%

The Vintage:

The 2008 vintage was one of superior quality. Temperate summer days and cool nights allowed for even ripening. Heat in late August/early September brought on excessive ripening. With a little patience we were able to get past this heat and subsequent cool days and nights put us in that window late in the season that allowed extended hang time. And more importantly we here in Sonoma County were not affected by the fires that that affected Mendocino County vineyards.

Winemaker's Notes:

Sweet red plum, Maraschino cherry and "red vines" notes are central themes in the nose of this elegantly focused Pinot, while savory counterpoints of baking spices, grain and smoke lurk in the background. The fruity and savory elements are on a more even plane on the palate, where darker earth and smoke flavors as well as some sweeter baking spice and tobacco notes find a charming and ultimately seductive harmony with the wines lingering, slightly citric core of red plum, berry, cherry and pomegranate fruit. The finish is sleek, well-defined, palate-coating and already delicious, with appropriate, but never intrusive, tannic grip. A wine of quiet loveliness, it will grow even more graceful over the next several years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: November 9, 2009
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L
pH: 3.63
Alcohol: 14.7%

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 3rd at 26.1 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2010

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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