

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2008 CHARDONNAY

LORENZO



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 98 cases
Alcohol: 14.6%

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:

Chasseur's Lorenzo is more forthcoming and a bit more exotic in '08 than in recent vintages and its marriage of concentrated fruit, vibrant zest, varietal clarity and classy oak integration makes it distinctive. The aromas arrive as a wave of white peach, Bosc pear and Meyer lemon seamlessly knit to sweet-savory scents that suggest vanilla cream wafers, nutmeg, roasted grain and toasted coconut. Those contrasting impressions of optimal ripeness and zesty fruit are even more appealing on the palate, where flavors of Bosc pear, apple skin, white peach and preserved Meyer lemon seem to float above the plush barrel tones and mineral undercurrents. The finish is pear-drenched and extremely long, and although slate-like minerality renders it cutting dry, textural delicacy makes it charming and near-weightless. Sure to improve in the cellar, it is already a wonderful tonic.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: April 9, 2010
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.7 g/L
pH: 3.57
Alcohol: 14.6%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Lorenzo Vineyard: *Wente-Lorenzo Selection*

Aging:

Seventeen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 67% new; 50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue and 50% from Francois Freres

Harvest:

October 20th at 25.1 degree brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2010

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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