

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2008 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 531 cases
Alcohol: 14.5%

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 affected Mendocino County vineyards.

Winemaker's Notes:

This Pinot has vibrantly fruity aromas that are textbook "Russian River" in character, with intense red raspberry, boysenberry, Black cherry, rose petal, black tea, smoke, bouillon and forest earth scents all clearly present. The fruit has a similar profile and it is just as energetic on the palate, where it is quietly firm by tannic grip and given further depth by strong mineral notes and hints of sweet tobacco-shop spice. The finish is zesty, lingering and precise, with lovely cherry-raspberry, rose, grain and mineral flavors that persist. This already flavor-packed wine will grow ever more elegant and dinner-worthy over the next three years.

Technical Notes

Bottled: November 15, 2009
Yield: 1.8 to 2.6 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.76
Alcohol: 14.5%
Unfined and unfiltered

Grape Source

Clery: clones Pommard, 23, and 2A
Cornerstone: clones 115 and 23
Holder: clones 667

Aging

Thirteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 100% Tonnellerie Sirugue.

Harvest

September 3rd through October 20th at an average Brix of 25.6 degrees.

Release Date

May 10, 2010

Malolactic Fermentation

100%

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