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Chasseur

**2008 PINOT NOIR**

**Sonoma County**



**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 532 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:**

A deep ruby color introduces this bright, well-stuffed Pinot. Both depth of fruit and a sense of coiled strength are apparent in the aromas of this youthful Pinot. Things are as zesty and forthright on the palate, where the mouth-feel is even richer than the aromas predict and the tannic grip is impressive. This impressive bottling should reach its peak in another two or three years, but it can be enjoyed with great pleasure already.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 18, 2009  
Yield: 2.55 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L  
pH: 3.61  
Alcohol: 14.6%

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley

**Aging:**

Ten months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

**Harvest:**

September 15 & 22 and October 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 25.2 degree Brix average

**Release Date:**

January 15, 2010

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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