

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2009 PINOT NOIR

Joyce



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 50 cases
Alcohol: 14.0%

The Vintage:

The growing season for 2009 was unusual in that the fruit had an excessive amount of small berries due to early shatter. West county fruit has a reputation for this but '09 showed by far more than usual which created great concentration and depth. The weather during the growing season up to version was cool and even, almost ideal. In late August/early September we got our typical heat spike actually two within three weeks. But once again our late ripening vineyards were able to get past this with no problems. Mid September saw some light rain, which caused no issues but mid October a huge storm rolled in and we scrambled to get everything in. However, this was of no consequence since everything was ripe by this time. Resulting wines are very similar in style and quality to 2007 but with a little more concentration.

Winemaker's Notes:

This bottling offers a delightful combination of vivid freshness, varietal accuracy and outstanding ripeness, while showcasing the distinctive personality of a very fine vineyard. The aromas squeeze scents of whortleberry, lingonberry, orange zest, roasted grain, coriander seed, vanilla and a bit of sweet tobacco into an intense, yet ultimately elegant package. On the palate, it shows both luxurious body and suppleness of texture, which offer contrast to its youthful zest and forthcoming fruitiness. The finish is long, focused and decidedly fruit-dominated, with the lingering impression being of bright red berry fruit rising above pretty citric-savory undercurrents. It is flavor-packed already, but expect this flamboyant beauty to grow considerably more genteel and graceful over the next four or five years. Two barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: July 19, 2010
Yield: 0.35 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.54
Alcohol: 14.0%

Grape Source:

Sonoma Coast
Joyce Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 115 & 777

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 8th at 25.5 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2011

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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