

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2009 CHARDONNAY

LORENZO



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 110 cases
Alcohol: 14.2%

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 is an impressively rich and surprisingly forthcoming Lorenzo. The aromas are still youthfully dense, but as the wine warms a bit they are fully revealed, with yellow peach, white peach, honeycomb, citron, mineral and vanilla cream wafer scents all rolling out. Things are richer still on the palate, where ripe yellow peach, toasted hazelnut and honey custard flavors push the typically more prominent citric-mineral elements well into the background. The finish is extremely long and already deeply satisfying, and airing accentuates it further. Although sure to get better, it will make a lovely dinner companion right now. 4 1/2 barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 10, 2011
Yield: 2.2 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.66
Alcohol: 14.2%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

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

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 24th at 24.0 degree brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2011

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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