

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2009 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 290 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

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:

If every bit as deep in color as its bold Sonoma Coast sibling, this bottling differs markedly in its aromatic profile and impression of elegance. In the nose, scents of pomegranate, whortleberry and orange zest bring a citric element to a richer core of red raspberry and black cherry, while notes of pink peppercorns, wood smoke and black tea leaves bring depth and dryness, yet never make more than a gentle challenge to that lovely and persistent fruit. On the palate, the wine shows equally gorgeous fruit definition and plenty of youthful zest, which combine with a lovely textural suppleness and those drier savory undercurrents to buoy the fruit into even more prominence at the finish. A study in vitality and grace, this already delightful bottling will only grow more so with cellaring.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: July 13, 2010
Yield: 1.95 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L
pH: 3.63
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Umino
Ferguson

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 23rd and October 2nd with a 25.4 degree Brix average

Release Date:

May 10, 2011

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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