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Wine Cellars



Chasseur

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**2010 PINOT NOIR**

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**Sonoma County**

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 655 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**The Vintage:**

The cool wet spring of 2010 created naturally low yields, followed by an exceptionally cold summer, possibly the coldest in over 100 years indicating a potentially late harvest. In August our obligatory heat spell came and went but the difference this year was it was followed by another three weeks later. Our late harvest was pushed up as fruit quickly ripened, placing it in the style of 2004, dark and concentrated. A strong weather system rolled through in late October quickening the pace of harvest but by then ripeness wasn't an issue. Production was down across the board, but the 2010 vintage turned out to be very good for Pinot Noir and an exceptional one for Chardonnay.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

A deep ruby hue introduces this bright, well-stuffed Pinot. Aromas of raspberries, pomegranates, and rose petals jump from the glass underlined by clove, leather and wet stone. The flavors carry through the mouth showing lively acidity balanced by the juicy fruit to create a lasting finish. 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: July 28, 2011  
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.0 g/L  
pH: 3.70  
Alcohol: 14.8%

**Grape Source:**

Select Russian River Valley and  
Sonoma Coast Vineyards

**Aging:**

Ten months in 60 gallon French  
oak barrels: 30% new; 100%  
from Tonnellerie Sirugue

**Harvest:**

From October 1<sup>st</sup> through October  
15<sup>th</sup> with a 25.7 degree Brix average

**Release Date:**

January 23, 2012

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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