

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2005 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 266 Cases
Alcohol: 14.5%

The Vintage:

The 2005 vintage was the finest this winery has ever seen. Excellent for Chardonnay and especially for Pinot Noir. The yield was low due to late spring rain which caused shatter. The further west the greater the impact. The growing season was long with no weather related abnormalities which lasted well into the end of October, creating longer than normal hang time. Save for low yields a perfect vintage.

Winemaker's Notes:

The color of this young Pinot is of dark, dark cherry, but its aromas are at times brighter; as ripe red cherry, crushed flowers and suggestions of sweet smoke, pencil shavings and powdered sumac sit above a richer Panitone/Fruitcake-like undercurrent. Despite its zest and obvious youth it is round and rich on the palate and is as long as it is generous. Its flavor profile is a work in progress, as darker impressions of chocolaty cherry shift back and forth with citric/savory expressions of vivid red cherry, dried orange and cereal grains. Some mineral elements are present, but never really challenge the wine's fruit orientation. Although it offers plenty of current appeal, it is a wine worth cellaring and those who do so will probably enjoy a much grander experience.

Technical Notes

Bottled: December 19, 2006
Yield: 2.1 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.62
Alcohol: 14.5%
Unfined and unfiltered

Aging

Fifteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 50% new
from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Release Date

March 01, 2007

Grape Source

Dutton – Marty's
Clone: 667
Dutton - Baitman
Clones: Dijon 115 and 777

Harvest

September 17th and 27th 25.7 degree brix average

Malolactic Fermentation

100%

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