

Hunter
Wine Cellars



2006 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 980 Cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

The Vintage:

A challenging vintage the 2006 set a bumper crop. Rain in the spring set the stage for microbial problems in the fall. Excessive heat in the early summer created berry damage. Copious fruit thinning at veraison and serious sorting especially by the growers in the field brought in fruit to be proud of. Finally, excessive saignee or bleeding of juice from the must at the fermenter in the winery led to a higher solid to juice ratio creating wines with excellent color and flavor concentration.

Winemaker's Notes:

This elegant and fruit-forward Pinot is both complex and sweetly ripe to the nose, as scents of red cherries, Mr. Lincoln roses and wild strawberries join subtle smoky tones, some dried orange peel and hints of powdered sumac in a pretty aromatic display. The flavors are more than generous, but never less than zesty: so the palate-feel is sleek, reinforcing the wines fruit clarity and impression of elegance. The finish is an engaging cascade of cherry, rose, red currant, smoke, mineral and spice flavors which linger gracefully. Although the patient can expect several years of further development, this is already a delicious and satisfying wine

Technical Notes

Bottled: December 17, 2007
Yield: 2.4 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.64
Alcohol: 14.1%
Unfined

Grape Source

Dutton – Sylvia's, Freestone Station
Clones: 115, 23 & Pommard
Holder
Clones: 115 & 667
Lennox
Clones: 115, 667, & 777

Aging

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

Harvest

September 26th , October 23th and 26th
25.8 degree brix average

Release Date

April 1, 2008

Malolactic Fermentation

100%

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