

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Joyce



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 111 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

The Vintage:

2007 was a nearly perfect growing season which led to a nearly perfect vintage. Unusually dull summer days of moderate sunshine and heat kept everything even during the growing season. Then an unusual heat spike (which seems to be more usual every year) in the final days of August started to elevate sugars. Cooler heads prevailed; those who did not panic were rewarded with cool temperatures in September and October. Longer than usual hang time ensued and unusual wines of unusual quality were the result.

Winemaker's Notes:

Initially, the mineral and oak underpinnings of this tautly structured wine are nearly as prominent as its beautifully rendered fruit. However, if at first darkly smoky, the aromas gradually fan-out as a layered perfume of Kirsch-laced raspberry, red plum, red rose petal, coriander seed, roasted grain, tobacco-shop spice and river stone-like terroir elements. Airing performs the same magic on the wonderfully elegant yet penetrating flavors which, in contrast to the wine's tight, sinewy mouth-feel, rise as a lingering wave of Amarena cherry, plum, raspberry, yellow rose, pink peppercorn, coriander seed and grain. A brilliant success, it is certain to improve for years in the cellar and should provide new delights as each successive bottle is explored. 4 Barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 19, 2008
Yield: 1.5 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L
pH: 3.60
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Sonoma Coast
Joyce Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 115 & 777

Aging:

Fourteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 67% new;
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

October 10th at 24.8 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2009

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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