

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



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2007 PINOT NOIR

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SONOMA COAST

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 795 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:**

From its pristine cherry color to its focused, sophisticated aromas, this is a Pinot Noir of refinement. The nose carries scents of sweet red cherry, red raspberry, fresh pomegranate, pink peppercorn, powdered sumac and roasted grain, all of which fan out gracefully and gain in richness with airing. Youthful fruitiness is a bit more obvious on the palate, where the roasted grain, coriander seed and dried orange notes are subordinate to the wines deeper core of raspberry, pomegranate and peppery spice. The finish is flavorful, lingering and never less than polished, and if the wine is a fine companion to Paella or grilled salmon now, it will surely deserve something grander in another two years or so.

#### **Technical Notes**

Bottled: December 15, 2009  
Yield: 2.1 to 2.8 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.9 g/L  
pH: 3.68  
Alcohol: 14.1%  
Unfined and unfiltered

#### **Grape Source**

Terra de Promissio: *clones 115 and 777*  
Cornerstone: *clones 777, 2A, 23, Pommard*  
Twin Hill Ranch: *clone 777*

#### **Aging**

Fourteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 100% Tonnellerie Sirugue.

#### **Harvest**

September 10 through October 12 at an average Brix of 24.8.

#### **Release Date**

June 1, 2009

#### **Malolactic Fermentation**

100%

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