

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Sylvia's



**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 76 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.7%

#### **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:**

Slowly forthcoming, but complex, the aromas of this youthfully heady, but elegant wine are of ripe Bing cherry, pomegranate molasses, crushed white peppercorns, bouillon, vanilla and forest-floor spice. The wine's strong impression of ripeness is more evident on the palate, where Brandied cherry, dried orange, bouillon, caramel and pepper notes fan-out on the palate. The finish is rich, lingering and shows some tannic grip, although the wine needs extensive airing to come to full expression. With airing, the headiness vanishes, as the fruit clarity grows crisper. The lingering impression is of deep Bing and Marashino cherries finding a sweet harmony with notes of caramel, smoke and tobacco leaf. Expect several years of improvement. 4 Barrels produced.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 19, 2008  
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.6 g/L  
pH: 3.67  
Alcohol: 14.7%

#### **Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Sylvia's Vineyard:  
*Dijon Clone: 115*

#### **Aging:**

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

#### **Harvest:**

October 6<sup>th</sup> at 25.5 degree Brix

#### **Release Date:**

October 1, 2009

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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