

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 856 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:

This forthcoming, fruit-laden Pinot Noir delivers aromas as vibrant as its ruby color, and its mix of Santa Rosa plum, brandied cherry, cranberry-orange compote, panettone, roasted grain and coriander seed scents forms an almost juicy aromatic mélange. On the palate, sweet-natured fruit is again a main and lingering theme, as red berry, cherry and plum flavors rise above roasted grain, smoke and tobacco-shop spice notes. At the end, all the richness is firmed by fruit acidity and some highly polished tannins, which suggests that this wine's most appropriate dinner companions might be Prime rib or sautéed duck breast. Expect another two to three years of very positive evolution.

Technical Notes

Bottled: December 15, 2009
Yield: 2.1 to 2.8 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.4 g/L
pH: 3.71
Alcohol: 14.1%
Unfined and unfiltered

Aging

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

Release Date

June 1, 2009

Grape Source

Cleary: clones Pommard, 23, and 2A
Bailey: clones 115, 114, 667, and 777
Lennox: clones 115, 667, and 777

Harvest

September 11 through October 26 at an average Brix of 24.4.

Malolactic Fermentation

100%

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