

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2007 PINOT NOIR

Rayhill



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:

This is a truly elegant yet wonderfully satisfying Pinot, which offers gradually expansive aromas of Amarena cherry, pomegranate syrup, Santa Rosa plum and yellow rose; in gentle counterpoint to scents of grain, pink peppercorn, forest bark and currant tea. Rich plum and pomegranate flavors come to the forefront on the palate, along with dark earthy-minerally notes and just a hint of hunters broth. If richly oaky, with notes of minerals and tobacconist-shop spice, the finish remains centered on a penetrating, if tightly wound core of plum, Boysenberry, pomegranate and dried orange flavors which grow ever more significant with airing and suppress any tannic tightness. Expect it to grow ever more lovely over the next four years and beyond. 4 Barrels produced.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 19, 2008
Yield: 2.5 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L
pH: 3.65
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Rayhill Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 115, 777 & 667

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 29th at 26.0 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2009

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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