

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2008 PINOT NOIR

Sexton



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 196 cases
Alcohol: 15.0%

The Vintage:

The 2008 vintage was one of superior quality. Temperate summer days and cool nights allowed for even ripening. Heat in late August/early September brought on excessive ripening. With a little patience we were able to get past this heat and subsequent cool days and nights put us in that window late in the season that allowed extended hang time. And more importantly we here in Sonoma County were not affected by the fires that that affected Mendocino County vineyards.

Winemaker's Notes:

This wine makes a luxurious impression from start to finish. The aromas are an ultra-generous marriage of ripe Bing cherry, sweet red plum and Boysenberry jam scents to others of dark vanilla, sweet tobacco-shop spice and powdered sumac. The wine is just as full and is distinctively round-edged on the palate, which reinforces the lovely harmony of a flavor palate that winds layers of cherry-berry fruit, Oriental spice, sweet tobacco and roasted grain into a truly inviting mélange. All this opulence lingers to the very end, where firm tannins and quiet zest finally give evidence of the wines underlying structure and age-worthiness. Expect it to continue to grow in dimension over the next several years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: November 13, 2009
Yield: 2.2 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L
pH: 3.69
Alcohol: 15.0%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Cornerstone Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 113, 114 & 115

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 5th at 26.3 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2010

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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