

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

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2008 PINOT NOIR

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SONOMA COAST

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 277 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.5%

#### 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 affected Mendocino County vineyards.

#### Winemaker's Notes:

This wine is rich, gutsy and forthcoming to the nose, with sweet dark cherry, boysenberry, baking spice and humidior scents. There are also pomegranate syrup-like notes and hints of bouillon and white and pink peppercorns in the background. It is decidedly youthful and extremely rich in the mouth, with firm tannic grip, appealing brightness and impressive fruit clarity. The finish reinforces the dual impressions of richness and youth, as drying mineral notes, tannin, and zest firm up the mouthfeel, although their effects are never enough to blunt the onrush of cherry, red plum and pomegranate fruit and savory spice. Drink it now with a fatty roast or sautéed duck, but know that it will grow in stature and elegance if it's cellared for another couple of years.

#### Technical Notes

Bottled: November 15, 2009  
Yield: 2.1 to 2.4 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L  
pH: 3.75  
Alcohol: 14.5%  
Unfined and unfiltered

#### Grape Source

Terra de Promissio: clones 115 and 777  
Blank: clones 777  
Umino: clones 459  
Twin Hill Ranch: clone 777 and 115

#### Aging

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

#### Harvest

September 10th through October 3rd at an average Brix of 25.2 degrees

#### Release Date

May 10, 2010

#### Malolactic Fermentation

100%

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