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Wine Cellars



Chasseur

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**2008 SYRAH**

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**SONOMA COAST**

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**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 174 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.1%**

**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:**

The inky black color and distinctive aromatics shout Northern Rhone. This bottling from the Sonoma Coast barrel aged for 34 months has aromas of blueberry, lemon curd, white pepper, and pipe tobacco. These carry equal potency on the palate with an added iodine character that craves steak. Bright acidity and fine-grained tannins lead into a lasting finish of fruit preserves with a rustic gaminess. Impressive now, many years of positive evolution are expected.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Yield: 2.8 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.8 g/L  
pH: 3.52  
Alcohol: 14.1%

**Grape Source:**

Petaluma Gap

**Aging:**

34 months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 25% new; 100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

**Harvest:**

October 24th at 24.0 degree Brix

**Release Date:**

May 1, 2011

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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