

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2008 PINOT NOIR

Sonoma County



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 532 cases
Alcohol: 14.6%

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:

A deep ruby color introduces this bright, well-stuffed Pinot. Both depth of fruit and a sense of coiled strength are apparent in the aromas of this youthful Pinot. Things are as zesty and forthright on the palate, where the mouth-feel is even richer than the aromas predict and the tannic grip is impressive. This impressive bottling should reach its peak in another two or three years, but it can be enjoyed with great pleasure already.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 18, 2009
Yield: 2.55 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L
pH: 3.61
Alcohol: 14.6%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley

Aging:

Ten months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

September 15 & 22 and October 2nd with a 25.2 degree Brix average

Release Date:

January 15, 2010

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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