

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2009 PINOT NOIR

Sonoma County



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

The Vintage:

The growing season for 2009 was unusual in that the fruit had an excessive amount of small berries due to early shatter. West county fruit has a reputation for this but '09 showed by far more than usual which created great concentration and depth. The weather during the growing season up to version was cool and even, almost ideal. In late August/early September we got our typical heat spike actually two within three weeks. But once again our late ripening vineyards were able to get past this with no problems. Mid September saw some light rain, which caused no issues but mid October a huge storm rolled in and we scrambled to get everything in. However, this was of no consequence since everything was ripe by this time. Resulting wines are very similar in style and quality to 2007 but with a little more concentration.

Winemaker's Notes:

With a ripe strawberry hue this wine is everything Pinot Noir. Aromas of strawberries, pomegranates, and rose petals jump from the glass with undertones of clove, leather and wet stone. The flavors carry through the mouth showing lively acidity balanced by the juicy fruit to create a lasting finish. The umami character of this wine pairs nicely with hearty winter dishes such as cassoulet of wild mushrooms and duck confit. 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: August 19, 2010
Yield: 2.1 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.58
Alcohol: 14.6%

Grape Source:

Select Russian River Valley and
Sonoma Coast Vineyards

Aging:

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

Harvest:

From September 15th through
October 10th with a 25.8 degree Brix
average

Release Date:

January 7, 2011

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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