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Chasseur

**2010 PINOT NOIR**

**BLANK**



**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 118 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.3%**

**The Vintage:**

The cool wet spring of 2010 created naturally low yields, followed by an exceptionally cold summer, possibly the coldest in a century indicating a potentially late harvest. In August our obligatory heat spell came and went but this year it was followed by another three weeks later. Our late harvest was pushed up as fruit quickly ripened, placing it in the style of 2004, dark and concentrated for Pinot Noir. A strong weather system rolled through in late October quickening the pace of harvest but by then ripeness wasn't an issue. Production was down across the board, but the 2010 vintage turned out to be very good for Pinot Noir and an exceptional one for Chardonnay.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

This ideally ripe and already captivating Pinot beautifully expresses its vineyard and vintage, and its perfume of Bing cherries, red plums, whortleberries, sumac berries, baking spices and sweet tobacco gushes forth in a seductive harmony. In the mouth, it is plush, palate-coating and delightfully zesty, with focused flavors that perfectly replicate the aromas in both fruit character and appeal. Those flavors are buoyant, yet classically balanced, and they glide seamlessly toward a lingering, palate-drenching finish packed with red fruit and exotic spice. A show stopper already, it may have an even brighter future.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: August 23, 2011  
Yield: 0.70 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L  
pH: 3.65  
Alcohol: 14.3%

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Blank Road Vineyard:  
*Dijon Clone: 115 & 777*

**Aging:**

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

**Harvest:**

October 12 and 13 at 25.1 degree Brix

**Release Date:**

October 1, 2012

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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