

Hunter
Wine Cellars



2010 PINOT NOIR

Holder



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 77 cases
Alcohol: 14.7%

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 is a complex and layered wine of pristine focus and class. As it airs, aromas of red plum, pomegranate, whortleberry, boysenberry, smoke, minerals, roasted grain and dried fruits gradually fan out. Youthful zest and minerality join to firm the wine's palate-feel as well, but they can't hide its impressive depth, as the savory notes of sumac, tobacco and grain and densely-packed core of whortleberry, spiced cherry and red plum fruit remain beautifully defined. The finish is long and racy and eminently food-worthy and the wine will be brilliant right now with prime rib, sauteed duck breast or paella. Those with patience however, will find a more generous, more charming and considerably grander Pinot in another three years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: July 14, 2011
Yield: 2.6 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L
pH: 3.63
Alcohol: 14.7%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Holder Vineyard:
Dijon Clone: 115 & 667

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 8th at 26.0 degree Brix

Release Date:

October 1, 2012

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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