

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2010 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 393 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 over 100 years indicating a potentially late harvest. In August our obligatory heat spell came and went but the difference this year was 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. 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:

From its pristine cherry color, this bottling differs noticeably from its impressive Sonoma Coast sibling in its aromatic profile and elegance. Aromas of pomegranate and orange zest bring a citric element to a core of red raspberry and black cherry, while notes of black tea, baking spices and roasted grain add depth and balance to the obvious fruit. The palate is defined by elegant fruit, silky smooth tannins, and perfectly balanced acidity. At the end, a cascade of cherry, currant, smoke, mineral, and spice flavors linger gracefully. Expect another two to three years of positive evolution.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: July 14, 2011
Yield: 1.85 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.68
Alcohol: 14.3%

Grape Source:

Holder
Ferguson
Sylvia's

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 25th and October 1st with a 25.3 degree Brix average

Release Date:

May 1, 2012

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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