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Wine Cellars



Chasseur

**2010 PINOT NOIR**

**Sexton**



**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 99 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.1%**

**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 wine is fruit-forward and beautifully ripe to the nose, where Elephant Heart plum, boysenberry, whortleberry, pomegranate, sumac berry, toasted grain and mineral notes form a sweet-natured harmony. It is already generously flavorful on the palate, with length, a fine balance of parts and the zest to keep it all in focus. However, much about the wine suggest cellar-worthiness, as airing stretches the finish and adds layers to its depth while revealing a firm underlying structure that promises even more. Its finishing notes of sweet cherry, red raspberry, strawberry, red plum, dry rose, orange peel, sumac berry and tobacco are impressive, but there may be more to come, so expect it to get even better with a bit of age.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: July 14, 2011  
Yield: 2.2 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 5.7 g/L  
pH: 3.69  
Alcohol: 14.1%

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Cornerstone Vineyard:  
*Dijon Clone: 113, 114 & 115*

**Aging:**

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

**Harvest:**

October 7<sup>th</sup> at 25.5 degree Brix

**Release Date:**

October 1, 2012

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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