

Hunter
Wine Cellars



2011 Pinot Noir

Freestone Station



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 280 cases
Alcohol: 14.0%

The Vintage:

The mild spring of 2011 started the growing season off to a good start however, set was such that the potential yield would be small, very small. The subsequent summer was mild, an indicator for an even growing season. A warm fall with absolutely wonderful early berry flavors teased with possibilities of the best vintage since the incredible 1974. However, rain in late September postponed harvest. Some of our vineyards were ready for harvest, so we went ahead and harvested those, but many were not so waiting seemed to be the better part of valor. Many other wineries picked unripe fruit before the rain but we feel that was a mistake. Due to the extra effort our growers put into each and every vineyard at crucial times like these afforded us the luxury of waiting and we're happy we did. Those early flavors we liked became even more evident when we finally did harvest.

Winemaker's Notes:

The aromas of this wonderfully elegant Pinot are all at once deep, ripe and intensely varietal. Pouring forth in a cascade of hazelnut, red raspberry, vanilla cream scents over quieter notes of white pepper and lead pencil/minerality. It proves nearly as forthcoming on the palate, with a luxurious elegance, texture and polished feel of juniper berry, allspice, red raspberry, vanilla and floral spices. Picks up weight and becomes more intense as it airs, this is going to be a truly memorable Pinot.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 1, 2013
Yield: 1.54 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.8 g/L
pH: 3.51
Alcohol: 14.0%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Cleary Vineyard
Dijon Clone: 113,114,115, 777, 667

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 27th and October 19th at 24.6
degree Brix

Release Date:

September 1, 2013

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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