

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2011 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



The Vintage:

The mild spring of 2011 started the growing season off to a good start but set was such that the potential yield would be small, very small. The subsequent summer was mild but an indicator for an even growing season. A warm fall and absolutely wonderful 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 picked those, but many were not so waiting seemed to be the better part of valor. Most other wineries picked unripe fruit before the rain but we feel this was a mistake. We waited because of the extra effort our growers put into each and every vineyard at crucial times like these and we're happy we did. Those early flavors we liked so much became even more evident.

Winemaker's Notes:

This Pinot Noir is textbook "Russian River" in character, with red raspberry, boysenberry, black cherry, rose petal, black tea, wood smoke, bouillon and forest earth scents all clearly present. On the pallet, the wine shows a similar profile, which combine with a lovely textural suppleness and those drier savory undercurrents to buoy the fruit into greater prominence at the finish. The zesty finish is lingering and precise, highlighted by cherry-raspberry, rose, grain and mineral flavors. This already flavor-packed wine, a study in vitality and grace, will grow ever more elegant over the next three years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 1, 2013
Yield: 1.9 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.9 g/L
pH: 3.59
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Freestone - Clones: Dijon
113,114,115,667,777
Ferguson - Clones: Dijon 115, 667,
777

Aging:

Fifteen months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 50% new
from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

September 10th and 15th October 3th, at
24.8 degree Brix average

Release Date:

April 15, 2013

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 343 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

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