

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2011 PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 262 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

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 wine is rich, gutsy and forthcoming in the nose, with sweet dark cherry, boysenberry, black raspberry and humidior scents. After some air there is pomegranate syrup-like notes and with white and pink peppercorns in the background. These notes carry through on the palette; it is decidedly youthful and extremely rich, with firm tannins, appealing brightness and impressive fruit clarity. The finish reinforces impressions of richness and youth, as mineral notes, tannin and zest find balance in the mouth with the surge of fruit. Drink now, but know that it will grow in stature and elegance if cellared for another few years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: February 14, 2013
Yield: 1.7 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.7 g/L
pH: 3.58
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Cornerstone - Clones: Dijon
113,114,115,777
Umino - Clones: Dijon 459, 667, 777
Blank - Clones: Dijon 115, 777

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 8th, 10th and 15th at 25.1
degree Brix average

Release Date:

April 15, 2013

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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