

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2011 PINOT NOIR

Vrai Cote



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 694 cases
Alcohol: 13.9%

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:

With a deep ruby hue this wine is everything Pinot Noir. Both depth of fruit and a sense of wound strength are apparent in the aromas of this youthful Pinot. Aromas of strawberry, black raspberry and dried rose petals burst from the glass with undertones of clove, leather and juniper berry. The flavors carry through on the pallet which is richer than the aromas predict. This impressive bottling can be enjoyed with great pleasure already, but will continue to impress over the next two or three years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: February 14, 2013
Yield: 2.3 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.52
Alcohol: 13.9%

Grape Source:

Various select Russian River Valley and Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir vineyards

Aging:

Fifteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 33% new from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

October 1st, 3rd 24.3 degree Brix average

Release Date:

April 1, 2013

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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