

Hunter
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Chasseur

2012 PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



The Vintage:

There is very little to say about this dream vintage that has not been said. This textbook vintage couldn't have come out any better if drawn up on a blackboard ahead of time. A warm spring for set and a warm summer sans the requisite excessive heat, even ripening all the way to late September/mid-October made for a combination of high yields (even after multiple passes of dropping fruit) and yes yielding high quality, powerful wines. This vintage eschews the notion of better wines coming from lower yields.

Winemaker's Notes:

A deep ruby color and forest earth scents introduces this energetic youthful Pinot. Both depth of fruit and a sense of coiled strength are apparent in the aromas. Things are as zesty and forthright on the palate. More floral than its counter-mate, the Sonoma Coast but still the fruit is complex and darkly constructed of red raspberry and black cherry. And like it's counter-mate should reach its peak in another two or three years, but it can be enjoyed with great pleasure now.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: January 15, 2014
Yield: 3.2 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.5 g/L
pH: 3.52
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Freestone - *Clones: Dijon 113,114,115,667,777*
Yellow Rock - *Clones: Dijon 114 (Sexton wood) and Calera*

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:

May 1, 2014

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 450 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

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