

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2012 SYRAH

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 100 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

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:

Deep black current in both color and flavor introduces this bright Syrah. Amazingly refined for such youth. A serious wine giving up aromas of blueberries and violets as well as hints of assorted meaty nuances, blackberry and currants. A plethora of short supple tannins soft as a baby's bottom. Blessed with a silky current of black raspberry and cassis flavors that glide along and flow to a full-bodied, seamless wine that has terrific fruit intensity and a blockbuster finish.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 7, 2014
Yield: 3.9 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.53
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 13th, at 24.7 degree brix

Release Date:

May 1, 2014

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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