

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2012 CHARDONNAY

Yellow Rock



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 49 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:

This inaugural bottling is brimming with notes of nutmeg, roasted grain and toasted coconut. A study in unctuous hedonism, weighty complex layers of vanilla, toasted nuts, mineral and lemon curd are obvious on the entry. Opulent fruit notes of bosc pears, papaya round out the savory finish. A youthful wine that should improve over the course of another year or two.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 6, 2014
Yield: 2.49 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.51
Alcohol: 14.1%

Aging:

Sixteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue and 50% from Francois Freres

Release Date:

September 1, 2014

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Yellow Rock Vineyard
Clone: *Montrachet selection*

Harvest:

September 8th at 24.2 degree brix

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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