

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

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## 2012 PINOT NOIR

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### FREESTONE STATION

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**Winemaker:** William Hunter  
**Production:** 254 cases  
**Alcohol:** 14.0%

#### **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:**

The aromas of this wonderfully elegant Pinot are all at once deep, ripe and intensely varietal. Pouring forth in a cascade of hazel nut, red raspberry, vanilla cream scents over quieter notes of white pepper and lead pencil/minerality. It proves nearly as forthcoming on the palate, with a luxurious elegance, texture and polished feel of juniper berry, allspice, red raspberry, vanilla and floral spices. Picks up weight and becomes more intense as it airs, this is going to be a truly memorable Pinot.

#### **Technical Notes:**

Bottled: January 10, 2014  
Yield: 2.34 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.9 g/L  
pH: 3.48  
Alcohol: 14.1%

#### **Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Cleary Vineyard  
*Dijon Clone: 113,114,115, 777, 667*

#### **Aging:**

Seventeen months in 60 gallon  
French oak barrels: 50% new;  
100% from Tonnellerie Sirugue

#### **Harvest:**

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 24.8 degree brix

#### **Release Date:**

September 1, 2014

#### **Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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