

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2012 PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 434 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:

A deep ruby color introduces a slightly brooding floral nose of forest floor, freshly sliced porcini mushrooms that opens to hints of currants, along with red raspberry on the palate. The mouthfeel is even richer than the aromas predict and the tannic grip is impressive. This lofty bottling should reach its peak in another two or three years, but it can be enjoyed now.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: January 15, 2014
Yield: 3.3 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 5.9 g/L
pH: 3.53
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Cornerstone - Clones: Dijon 113
Umino - Clones: Dijon 667
Blank - Clones: Dijon 115,777

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 8th, 10th and 15th at 25.1
degree Brix average

Release Date:

May 1, 2014

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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