

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2012 PINOT NOIR

Vrai Cote



The Vintage:

There is very little more to say about this vintage that one has not already heard. 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 high quality. This vintage eschews the notion of better wines come from lower yields.

Winemaker's Notes:

This is a darkly rich Pinot with a deep ruby hue. Not as tightly wound as its bigger sisters, the Chasseur 2012's, it shows the aromas of a youthful Pinot. Aromas of black raspberry and dried rose petals bounce from the glass with nuances of clove, allspice and juniper berry. The rich concentrated flavors are as equally forthcoming on the pallet. This impressive wine can be enjoyed with now, but will continue to impress over the next couple of years.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: September 5, 2013
Yield: 2.3 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.49
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Various West County Pinot Noir Vineyards

Aging:

Fifteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 33% new from Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

October 6th 24.7 degree brix average

Release Date:

February 1, 2014

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 1,003 cases
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