

Hunter  
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

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**2013 Pinot Noir**

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**Blank**

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**Winemaker: William Hunter**  
**Production: 95 cases**  
**Alcohol: 14.1%**

**The Vintage:**

Another bumper crop but not quite as large as the previous. Grower anticipation had this year's vines in perfect vine vigor/fruit balance. All phases of the growing season were strait forward and uneventful to the point of boring but boring winegrowing equates to excellent wine. Harvests in recent years are becoming more compact; this one lasted just 30 days. This would normally create overload difficulties in the winery but since Chasseur production has been decreasing significantly every grape received full attention. The resulting wines are stylistically the antithesis of the 2012's, which were tightly wound early on and needed time to open up. The 2013's are very forward, open, aromatic, flavorful and ready to drink.

**Winemaker's Notes:**

Deep in color this opulent wine streams from the glass in an aromatic display of sweet plum, sumac, baking spices and sweet tobacco. Upon entering the mouth a supple, mouth-coating texture of bright youthful fruit and balanced acidity is revealed. Airing brings forth fruit notes of dark bing cherry, pomegranate and whortleberry syrup joining others of caramel, tobacco, sweet smoke, toasted grain and earth. The plush, palate-coating and delightfully zesty and focused flavors perfectly replicate the aromas in both fruit character and appeal. The flavors are buoyant, yet classically balanced, and they glide seamlessly toward a lingering, palate-drenching finish packed with red fruit and exotic spice.

**Technical Notes:**

Bottled: December 10, 2014  
Yield: 2.24 tons/acre  
Total Acidity: 6.53g/L  
pH: 3.51  
Alcohol: 14.1%

**Grape Source:**

Russian River Valley  
Blank Vineyar  
*Dijon Clone: 115, 777*

**Aging:**

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

**Harvest:**

October 3rd at 24.8 degree brix

**Release Date:**

January 15, 2016

**Malolactic Fermentation:**

100%

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