

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2013 Pinot Noir

Freestone Station



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:

Dense garnet in the glass – so dark you'll be surprised your drinking a Pinot. The nose greets you with a complex medley of vanilla, sandalwood, dried herbs and pine needles. The complexities don't stop there; in the mouth the wine is supported by a backbone of bright acidity and offers up a chocolate covered cherry center surrounded by smoke and dried herbs. The finish is lingering with a hint of mushrooms.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 12, 2014
Yield: 3.14 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.7 g/L
pH: 3.47
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

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

Aging:

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

Harvest:

September 22th at 24.8 degree brix

Release Date:

November 1, 2015

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

Winemaker: William Hunter

Production: 98 cases

Alcohol: 14.0%

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