

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2013 CHARDONNAY

Yellow Rock



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 76 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:

Brilliant, shining gold in the glass, this wine serves up a chorus of floral aromas dominated by paper whites, banana saltwater taffy and hints of flint. Once in the mouth it continues a rich and smooth song with a melody of mango, pineapple and stone fruit with angelic overtones of peppermint and fresh herbs. All comes to a close with a long, opulent finish.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: March 6, 2014
Yield: 2.49 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.3 g/L
pH: 3.51
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Yellow Rock Vineyard: *Montrachet selection*

Aging:

Sixteen months in 60 gallon French oak barrels: 50% new; 50% from Tonnellerie Sirugue and 50% from Francois Freres

Harvest:

September 8th at 24.2 degree brix

Release Date:

November 15, 2015

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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