

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2013 Syrah

Russian River Valley



Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 100 cases
Alcohol: 14.1%

The Vintage:

The 2013 crop was once again another large one. Not quite as large as the previous, due to grower anticipation this year's vines were in perfect vine vigor/fruit balance. All phases of the growing season were strait forward. Sounds boring but boring winegrowing equates to excellent wine. Even the ripening season was uneventful, other than a little harmless rain in September. Harvests generally in recent years seem to be more compact and this one started the second week of September and lasted just 30 days. A 30 day harvest 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 and ready for drink.

Winemaker's Notes:

Deep black current in both color and flavor introduces this bright Syrah. Amazingly complexity due to the extended barrel age. A serious wine giving up aromas of blueberries and violets as well as hints of assorted meaty nuances, blackberry and currants. A plethora of short supple tannins soft as a baby's bottom. Blessed with a silky current of black raspberry and cassis flavors that glide along and flow to a full-bodied, seamless wine that has terrific fruit intensity and a blockbuster finish.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 2016
Yield: 3.9 ton/acre average
Total Acidity: 6.1 g/L
pH: 3.53
Alcohol: 14.1%

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley

Aging:

Thirty-Six months in 60 gallon
French oak barrels: 50% new;
Tonnellerie Sirugue

Harvest:

October 13th at 24.7 degree brix

Release Date:

March 2017

Malolactic Fermentation:

100%

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