

Hunter
Wine Cellars



Chasseur

2014 PINOT NOIR

FREESTONE STATION



The Vintage:

Could the 2014 harvest be on par with the 2007? The undisputed facts are that the vintage came from a wonderful growing season with nearly perfect timing for all phases; bud break, set, version and harvest were what one would come to expect of a great or nearly great vintage. The yield was such that no one will want for more but not so large that the wines are without weight and color. The true sign of a terrific vintage is that little or nothing needs to be added at the must/juice stage and this vintage being no exception. All lots came in with proper sugars, great flavors and excellent acids so that little or no additions were needed at the fermenter. Could be one for the ages, time will tell.

Winemaker's Notes:

This is a splendid and distinctive wine with a style and grace in the absolute yet with concentration and weight, commensurate with the finest of the Nuits. Aromas are brightly fresh and show a chiseled focus and a wonderful sense of polish. Full and satiating in the mouth, notes of smoke and sweet vanilla join with sumac and hints of Asian spice, juniper and minerality.

Technical Notes:

Bottled: December 19, 2015
Yield: 2.22 tons/acre
Total Acidity: 6.2 g/L
pH: 3.49
Alcohol: 14.3%
Unfined/unfiltered

Grape Source:

Russian River Valley
Dutton Ranch – Freestone Station
Clone: 115 & 114

Aging:

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

Harvest:

October 2nd at 25.2 degree brix

Winemaker: William Hunter
Production: 124 cases
Alcohol: 14.3%

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