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SOJOURN CELLARS
Gap's Crown Vineyard
2011 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Another successful 2011 from this winery, in fact the best of their six new Pinots. Shows the brilliant acidity and light, delicate texture of the coast, with the concentrated fruit, cola and spice flavors this esteemed vineyard is noted for. Highly complex and dry, it's delicious to drink now, and should age well for a good six years.

— Steve Heimoff

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SOJOURN CELLARS
Ridgetop Vineyard
2011 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

This Pinot Noir is from the far or "true" Sonoma Coast, near Annapolis, north of the new Fort Ross-Seaview appellation. It shows its origin in the brisk acidity and delicacy of mouthfeel, as well as the fantastic range of wild red berry, cola, pine, nettle and white pepper flavors that change from second to second. New oak brings toasty, vanilla complexities and wood tannins. This is a delicious wine now, but will age gracefully for at least eight years.

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SOJOURN CELLARS
Rodgers Creek Vineyard
2011 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

A gorgeous Pinot Noir that shows winemaker Erich Bradley's increasing grasp, as well as the winery's access to top vineyards. The wine is dry, silky and delicate in the mouth, yet packed with raspberry and cherry pie flavors. There's a mushroomy earthiness that lends fascination, while new oak and partial whole cluster fermentation add spicy, tannic interest. Drink now—2019.

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SOJOURN CELLARS
Sangiaco Vineyard
2011 Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

This has traditionally been a top bottling for Sojourn, and the 2011 is especially good. The vibrant acidity and pineapple, tropical fruit and honeysuckle flavors are intense and pure. Drink it now and over the next three years.

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SOJOURN CELLARS
Silver Eagle Vineyard
2011 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

This is a complex Pinot Noir, dry and silky, showing the delicate structure of the coast in a cool vintage. The alcohol is relatively modest and the acidity is crisp, giving good balance to the flavors that range from cranberries, cola and pomegranates to sweet sautéed mushrooms, mocha and exotic baking spices. Drink this lovely wine now—2019.

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SOJOURN CELLARS
Russian River Valley
2011 Pinot Noir

A fruit-forward wine whose deliciousness makes it immediately appealing. The blend of warmer and cooler vineyards gives a tantalizing balance of crisp acidity and ripe cherries. There are deeper notes of mushrooms that give it an earthy richness.

— Steve Heimoff