

SOJOURN

WINE CLUB NEWSLETTER

MAY 2014

May Wine Club Selections

Your May 2014 Sojourn club offer debuts our brand new **2012 Chardonnay from Campbell Ranch Vineyard**. This wine is a perfect complement to our fabulous Pinot noir from the same vineyard. Renowned grower Ulises Valdez tends to Campbell Ranch with a diligent focus on growing grapes of the highest quality.

We are thrilled to offer both of these selections exclusively to wine club members, prior to their release in September.

This shipment also features two additional pre-release wines from the Fall and two favorites from our Spring Release. The full line-up includes:

- ◆ 2012 Wohler Vineyard Pinot noir
- ◆ 2012 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot noir
- ◆ 2012 Campbell Ranch Vineyard Pinot noir
- ◆ 2012 Campbell Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay
- ◆ 2012 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
- ◆ 2011 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Your 10% wine club member savings will apply to your selections, and ground shipping is included at no additional charge. If you have questions about your club selections or would like to add to your order, please contact us at 707.933.9753 or salon@sojourncellars.com.

VISIT THE SOJOURN TASTING SALON in Sonoma for a unique club member experience, offered in a relaxed, sit-down setting. Member wine tastings are offered by appointment only and are complimentary for up to four guests. Your membership also includes a gourmet wine and cheese pairing once a year at no additional charge. We look forward to hosting you the next time you are in wine country.



Spotlight: Campbell Ranch Vineyard

- **Wines:** Sojourn has produced a Campbell Ranch Vineyard Pinot noir since 2011, and we are thrilled to introduce our 2012 Campbell Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay. We are debuting this wine exclusively for Sojourn Wine Club Members.
- **Farming:** Famed vineyard manager Ulises Valdez farms Campbell Ranch Vineyard with meticulous attention to detail and a constant focus on producing world-class fruit, vintage after vintage.
- **Vines:** Pinot noir clones 115 & 777 and Old Wente Clone Chardonnay were all planted in 2011 on 101-14 and 3309 rootstocks.
- **Location:** The vineyard is located in the northwest corner of the Sonoma Coast AVA near the town of Annapolis, just five miles from the Pacific Ocean along a ridge at 750 feet above sea level.
- **Climate:** The site is cold, with thick fog and cool ocean breezes from the nearby coast. The higher elevation allows for sunny ripening conditions, as the fog line recedes during the core afternoon.
- **Soils:** Goldridge Series, Sandy, Siltstone.

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May 2014 Club Wines

2012 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast - 94 points

Rodgers Creek vines grow in light, chalky volcanic ash soils on steep inclines at a very cool site. This wine stands out in a crowd and has become the Sojourn team favorite. In the warm 2012 vintage, the grapes achieved complex flavors and ripe tannins. The resulting wine is bold and expressive of the site and its unique soils. Familiar aromas of mushroom and soy overlay red fruit, earth and hints of rosemary. We whole-cluster fermented 15% of the grapes, adding aromatic complexity and richness.

2012 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley - pre-release

The 2012 vintage of this wine shows complexity and nuance. It is a big, lush Pinot noir with depth and length and has become a Sojourn fan-favorite. Wohler has matured into a premier vineyard that showcases its renowned Russian River Valley terroir and unique Goldridge loam soils. We blended Pinot noir clones 828, 115 and Wadensville 2A to create a concentrated wine with bright red fruit aromas and hints of plum, vanilla and spice.

2012 Campbell Ranch Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast - pre-release

Winemaker Erich Bradley describes the grapes from Campbell Ranch as “the best fruit I have ever tasted!” Aromas and flavors explode from the glass, with a complex array of tropical fruit and a hint of forest floor. You can nearly taste the ocean breeze with every sip. The vineyard is located in the remote coastal mountains along the northern Sonoma Coast near Annapolis. Clones 115 and 777 were blended to produce a Pinot noir with exotic aromas and flavors, leading to silky tannins and a long finish.

2012 Campbell Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast - New!

This fabulous new Chardonnay displays refreshing aromas of green apple and honeysuckle. The texture is lush, with medium weight and exceptional persistence on the palate. Campbell Ranch sits a stone's throw from the Pacific Ocean and benefits from cool coastal winds and foggy mornings that clear to warm afternoons. This daily weather pattern is ideal for ripening Chardonnay. Fermentation was performed inside our chilled cellar in French oak barrels with a light touch of 20% new oak to retain freshness.

2012 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay - 90 points

This 2012 Chardonnay is a blend of three distinct vineyards. Each lot was fermented in French oak barrels utilizing 30% new oak. It is refreshing and layered, with rich fruit character and an intriguing mix of depth and vibrancy. Sangiacomo Vineyard provides minerality, citrus notes and richness. Rodgers Creek Vineyard provides aromas of stone fruit and crisp acidity. Campbell Ranch Vineyard adds tropical notes and lift. They merge to bring you a fabulous Chardonnay that is an absolute pleasure to drink.

2011 Spring Mountain District Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley - pre-release

This wine was produced from grapes grown along the mountain tops above St. Helena. The soils are primarily volcanic, and the location is wild, literally. Vines grow on steep southeastern facing slopes that produce concentrated flavors and bold mountain structure. The cool 2011 vintage resulted in a polished wine with pure mountain fruit character, aromas of berries and cassis, and hints of perfume. It has seamless tension between the acid and fine-grained tannins, providing a lively palate and lengthy finish.

Visit us in Sonoma!

We welcome the opportunity to host you at our Tasting Salon. Sojourn Cellars offers a unique, comparative wine tasting experience where guests explore the nuances of terroir and distinctive vineyard sites. Our seated tastings feature flights of single vineyard and appellation Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon shared in a relaxed setting.

Schedule Your Tasting: 707.938.7212 salon@sojourncellars.com



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