

SCORE: 94

2014 Sojourn Cellars Ridgetop Vineyard, Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

14.2% alc., 775 cases, \$48. This vineyard is located in the Petaluma Gap high on a ridge. Some whole cluster fermented Pommard clone is blended with clone 777. 15% whole cluster. Native yeast fermentation, aged in 50% new French oak barrels. Bottled unfixed and unfiltered in July 2015.

Moderately dark reddish purple color in the glass. The nose is more savory than fruity, offering aromas of potpourri with redder fruits in the background. The intense attack of perfectly ripened cherry fruit is almost numbing, yet the wine is focused and refined. There is plenty of savory spices and a light hand with the oak. The satiny texture is very comforting, and the finish has grand cru length. A perfect marriage of fruit and savory nuances.