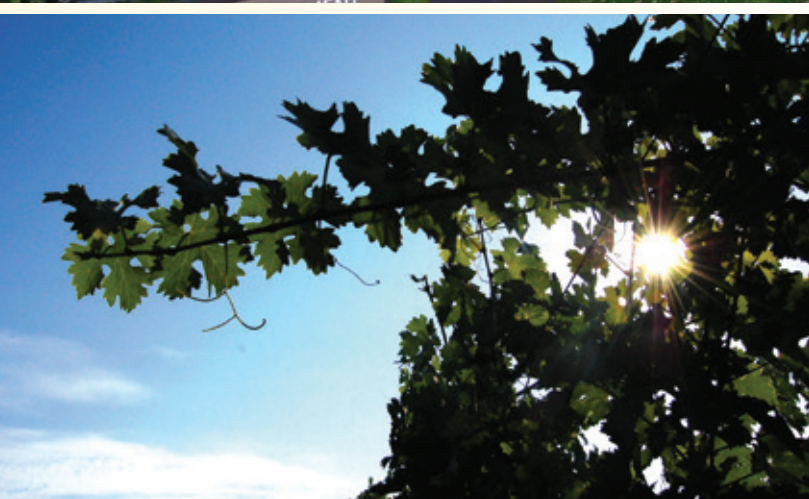




OUR SPRING 2018
WINE RELEASE IS HERE



As we look back at 2017, we are grateful to have weathered October's tragic wine country firestorm with no damage to our vineyards and winery, and with little disruption to our employees' lives. Sadly, many of our neighbors were not as fortunate, and their recovery continues. Thank you for the outpouring of support. We remain fully committed to crafting superb Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon for your tables.

We open our Spring 2018 Wine Release on a hopeful note with nine beautiful wines: five Pinot noir, two Chardonnay and two Cabernet Sauvignon wines from the spectacular 2016 and 2015 vintages. 2016 was one of the most modestly paced Pinot noir and Chardonnay harvests in recent memory. Besides lingering drought conditions, mother nature spared us any weather extremes, which allowed for full, even ripening in each of our vineyard sites.

The resulting wines from vineyards such as Gap's Crown and Sangiacomo display tremendous finesse, depth and aromatic intensity with a balance of structure and texture.

Moderate weather also allowed for the preservation of natural grape acidity, which especially enhanced the freshness and verve of Chardonnay.

The beginning of the 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon vintage saw uneven spring weather during flowering resulting in an extremely reduced crop. The vintage recovered quickly, with moderate summer heat producing small canopies and intensely flavored small berries. Our Cabernet Sauvignon sites, from the Home Ranch in Sonoma Valley to Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III in Rutherford, produced dense, rich wines with excellent overall fruit character.

We hope you enjoy our Spring 2018 Release wines. As our travel calendar continues to fill, we look forward to seeing you on the road or in our renovated Sojourn Tasting Salon here in downtown Sonoma.

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"Life is but a Sojourn. Enjoy the best of it."—Plato

SOJOURN CELLARS SPRING 2018 WINE RELEASE

PINOT NOIR

2016 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Our flagship wine since 2004, the 2016 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir once again reflects the Sangiacomo family's commitment to meticulous farming, their calling card for three generations. This vintage offers significant depth and concentration with classic Pinot noir flavors and notes of forest floor and earth coming from the expressive Swan clone. The vineyard is situated on Roberts Road at the western base of Sonoma Mountain. Cool ocean breezes and fog of the Petaluma Gap allow for long hang times and complex flavor development. The moderate climate of 2016 allowed the grapes to reach optimal maturity while retaining their natural acidity.

Rated 93 Points

2016 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Our 2016 bottling of the Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot noir continues to affirm this vineyard as one of the brightest stars in California. After the 2014's #35 ranking on *Wine Spectator's* Top 100 wines of 2016, and the 2015's 95-point score from Robert Parker, the 2016 follows strongly with robust flavors and excellent structure. Much of this wine's concentration derives from the site's steep slopes and rocky soils, complemented by severe drought conditions and the tiny berries that resulted. The wine's signature dark cherry aroma is enhanced by 10% whole cluster fermentation, adding depth and texture for a long complex finish.

Rated 93 Points

2016 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Rodgers Creek Vineyard sits high on a ridge in the heart of the Petaluma Gap, one of the coolest and foggiest growing regions in Sonoma County, making the site well suited to growing exceptional Pinot noir. This wine's signature earth and mushroom notes shine in this 2016 bottling, thanks to the combination of unique soils and dominance of the Pommard clone. Bright red fruit flavors, smooth texture, and rich, silky tannins complement the earthy tones. Aided by 15% whole cluster fermentation, the 2016 is exceptionally complex and pleasurable in its youth but promises to reward cellaring as well.

Rated 93 Points



2016 Walala Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

We are thrilled to present you with the follow-up to our inaugural 96 point 2015 Walala Vineyard Pinot noir. One of our most extreme sites, Walala's remarkable character stems from its 1,200 feet of elevation and the precise farming of the Price Family Vineyards team. Its close proximity to the Pacific Ocean allows for long hang time and balanced acidity, while the elevation gives the vines ample sunlight in which to ripen. When we first tasted 2016 samples out of barrel, we just looked at each other and grinned as we marveled at the alluring tropical notes, depth of character, and textbook Sojourn mouthfeel.

Rated 94 Points

2016 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

One of the best values in the Sojourn portfolio, our Sonoma Coast Pinot noir brings together eight unique lots from vineyards that comprise several of our single-vineyard designate bottlings. Sangiacomo, Rodgers Creek, Gap's Crown, and Dorothy Cameron Vineyards are key components, creating a polished blend that offers robust flavors and exceptional texture. The 2016 vintage of this wine is impeccably balanced with multiple layers of dark cherry, nutmeg and earth, leading to a long finish. It is drinking exceptionally well now with a fresh, complex bouquet that draws you into the glass. At only \$39, this wine is the real deal.

Rated 90 Points

CHARDONNAY

2016 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

The 2016 vintage proved to be an excellent one for Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. Continued drought conditions led to tight cluster formation and smaller berries, resulting in wines with a concentration that rivaled 2015. Our 2016 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay benefited greatly from these conditions, in addition to the careful stewardship of the land by the Sangiacomo family. The resulting Chardonnay offers complex layers of texture and flavors. An even weather pattern allowed the grapes to maintain bright levels of acidity. The finished wine is fresh, lively and fruit forward, with citrus and apple aromas that leave your mouth watering.

Rated 93 Points

2016 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

We sourced our 2016 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay from three of the top vineyard sites in Sonoma County – Sangiacomo, Durell, and Gap's Crown – with the goal of creating a cuvée that showcases the varietal's exceptional character in this region. The vineyards were more balanced in 2016, bestowing the wines of this vintage with high levels of concentration and detailed aromatics. An intriguing nose of stone fruit and yellow apple leads to rich flavors and an intriguing mix of depth and vibrancy. Refreshing and layered, the addition of 30% new French oak adds richness and broadens the texture without overwhelming the fruit. The wine is a tremendous value at \$38.

Rated 91 Points

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2015 Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon, Rutherford

The 2015 Napa growing season began quite early, with some of the earliest bud break dates on record. Uneven spring weather and four years of drought led to smaller yields, and the reduced crop load possessed an abundance of concentration and depth. The famed Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III in Rutherford benefited from producing smaller clusters and tiny berries. This resulting 2015 vintage wine is marked by intense dark color, robust aromatics and excellent overall fruit character. The classic Rutherford Dust profile shines in the wine's dark cherry, earth and mocha flavor profile. Impress your friends at your next dinner party with this remarkable bottling.

Rated 93 Points

2015 Home Ranch Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley

Planted by Sojourn proprietor Craig Haserot in 2002, the Home Ranch Vineyard is tucked away in the southwest corner of Sonoma Valley, where it is warm enough to fully ripen Cabernet Sauvignon. Built on a core of clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon, the early bud break and lack of heat spikes in 2015 allowed the grapes to mature at an optimal pace. This finished wine is remarkable, with explosive aromas that pop out of the glass with blueberry fruit and hints of cassis and mocha. The texture is big and lush with silky tannins and a lingering finish. It is a superb value at \$59!

Rated 92 Points



VISIT US IN SONOMA!

Sojourn Cellars has completed a four-month renovation of our popular Sonoma Square Tasting Salon. Enhancements include new wine country chic furniture and a wall mural that gives guests the feeling that they are tasting wine right in the middle of Gap's Crown Vineyard.

"The configuration of our Tasting Salon has always been akin to welcoming visitors into our home," notes Sojourn proprietor Craig Haserot. "With our recent renovations, the salon is now more emblematic of the superior quality of our wines, and it allows us to create even more gracious and memorable guest experiences."

WALALA VINEYARD SPOTLIGHT

Walala is the latest vineyard to join the Sojourn Pinot noir portfolio, with the inaugural 2015 vintage making a bold entrance at 96 points. This extreme coastal vineyard offers alluring tropical notes and extraordinary texture.

Purchased in 2014 by Bill Price, owner of the storied Gap's Crown and Durell Vineyards, the 97-acre Walala Vineyard sits at the extreme western edge of Pinot noir winegrowing. Its 1,200 feet of elevation gives the vines ample sunlight in which to ripen, and its proximity to the Pacific Ocean allows the grapes long hang time with acid preservation and complex flavor development. The popular Ridgetop Vineyard sits a few miles away.

The Walala Vineyard's gravelly loam soils provide the ideal foundation for a variety of Pinot noir clones, to which Sojourn is fortunate to have access. Clone 113 adds elegant aromatics, complemented by 115's firm structure and bright cherry notes and 828's darker, intense fruit. The winemaking team artfully blends them to create a wine of great complexity with a singular personality.

We are thrilled to have access to Walala's exceptional fruit and the opportunity to share its delicious, age-worthy wines with you.



PURCHASING OUR WINES

The best way to acquire our wines is to purchase them directly from the winery. Sojourn sells wine to our mailing list customers through release allocations. If you are not already a Sojourn list member, join now to get access to our wines.

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THE WINE COUNTRY FIRESTORM OF 2017

The evening of Sunday, October 8 ended as most do in Napa and Sonoma's early autumn. It had been a warm day, and the cooling dusk breezes were picking up. No one could have predicted the inferno that would befall area residents in the early hours of Monday morning, as the evening breezes gave way to winds in excess of 50 miles per hour, toppling power lines and sparking the deadliest wildfires in the history of wine country. This is our first-hand account of the terrifying two weeks that changed this area forever.

The most extraordinary aspect of these fires – as many as 21 individual fires broke out in the North Bay – was how quickly they descended and wreaked havoc. Most fatalities and property damage in Napa and Sonoma occurred within the first five hours of the fires starting. Power was out across much of the area and cell phone coverage was spotty at best, leaving most residents helpless, misinformed, or uninformed of the fires' true fury.

When word reached us Monday morning that Santa Rosa's Coffey Park neighborhood had been decimated, our thoughts immediately turned to our winery, located mere yards from the center of the devastation. Miraculously the winery had survived but had no power. We quickly brought in a generator, and successful evasions of the National Guard sent to police the wreckage allowed us to access the winery and save the 2017 wines that were fermenting in tank. 90% of our grapes had been harvested at this point.

On Friday, October 13, the fires reached the outskirts of downtown Sonoma, threatening homes and businesses, including the Sojourn Tasting Salon and offices. Evacuation

notices were issued for parts of Sonoma as the winds were set to pick up again. The town emptied and an eerie, smoky quiet descended on the historic Sonoma Square. CalFire mobilized and forced the fire into retreat, creating a fragile calm, but with little or no containment reported, residents remained on edge.

Three weeks after the fires broke out, full containment was achieved, and assessing the damage took center stage. The losses were unlike anything wine country had experienced in its history:

- 45 fatalities, ranging in age from 14 to 100
- Just under 9,000 structures destroyed, mostly in Sonoma County's most populous city, Santa Rosa
- Millions of dollars of tourism business lost
- Thousands of families displaced; a tight housing market is now reduced to virtually no available housing

While the damage was severe, the communities of Napa and Sonoma banded together to support those who had lost so much. Fundraisers were immediately scheduled that generated millions of dollars for fire relief.

The Sojourn family has much to be thankful for, as our vineyard sites and winery were untouched, and no employee was injured or displaced. These blessings have magnified our resolve to craft the most expressive Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines from Sonoma and Napa's top sites. We are delighted to still be able to share them with you.

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