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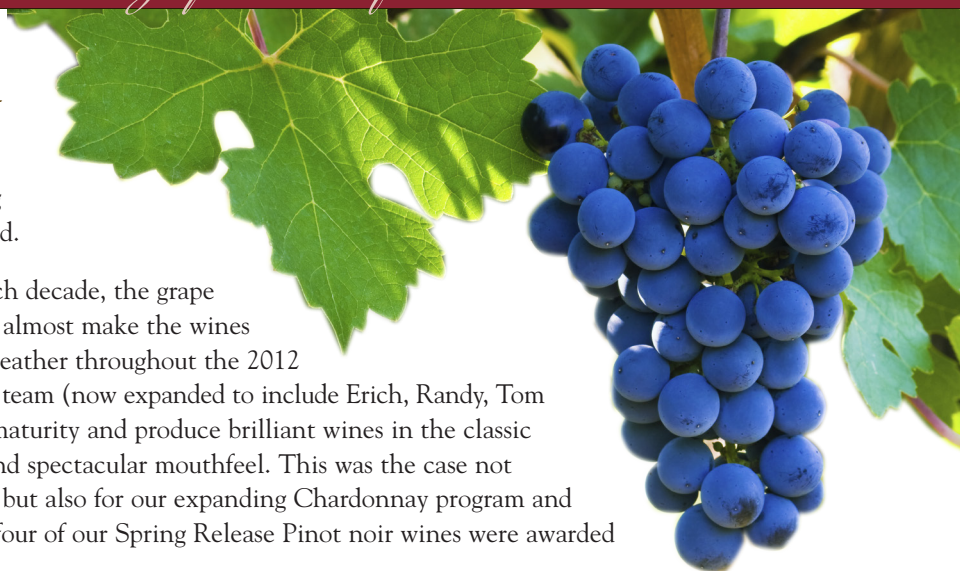
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"Life is but a Sojourn. Enjoy the best of it."—Plato

THE NEAR PERFECT WEATHER

conditions in 2012 enabled Sojourn to make what are quite possibly our best wines ever. Our 2012 wines are nothing short of remarkable, all across the board.

Every so often, maybe once or twice each decade, the grape growing weather is so ideal that we can almost make the wines in the vineyard. Beautifully moderate weather throughout the 2012 growing season allowed our winemaking team (now expanded to include Erich, Randy, Tom and Scott) to dial in near perfect fruit maturity and produce brilliant wines in the classic Sojourn style with clean, pure flavors and spectacular mouthfeel. This was the case not only for our signature Pinot noir wines, but also for our expanding Chardonnay program and Cabernet Sauvignon wines. In fact, all four of our Spring Release Pinot noir wines were awarded 94 points or higher by *PinotReport*.



Our flagship 2012 **Pinot noir from the Sangiacomo Vineyard**, recently rated 96 points by *PinotReport*, rivals the best we have ever produced. This wine again delivers great balance, creamy texture and a crowd pleasing, super long finish. Just around the corner from the Sangiacomo Vineyard lies the fruit source for our 2012 **Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot noir**. Bigger, deeper and with more structure and concentration, this wine sits on a powerful frame and packs a potent punch. The 2012 **Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot noir** shows its earthy, mushroom and forest floor character with a luscious, sexy mouthfeel from its 80% Pommard clone make-up. Robert Parker said, "this wine displayed a striking similarity to a top premier cru from Burgundy." Our 2012 **Sonoma Coast Pinot noir** is by far our most complex appellation wine produced to date—and a steal at \$39.

We toned down the new oak in our Chardonnay program to 30% to showcase lively and fresh wines. Our 2012 **Sonoma Coast Chardonnay**, already wildly popular with folks who have had the opportunity to try it in the Sojourn Tasting Salon, is a multi-vineyard blend that shows stone fruit in a forward, ready-now frame. The 2012 **Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay** displays a more serious side with citrus and pear notes and a rich palate.

On the heels of its 93 point *Wine Spectator* rating in 2010, the 2011 **Home Ranch Vinyard Cabernet Sauvignon** is bold and structured, with aromas of blueberry and mocha, while our new 2011 **Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon**, with a touch of Petit Verdot, is delicious and true to its dusty Rutherford appellation.

2013 was a spectacular year for Sojourn, and we saw 40% more Sojourn customers on the road at wine tastings. Our 2014 calendar is packed with even more events, and we hope to see you and share our deep passion for Sojourn wines.

Erich Bradley

Erich Bradley
Winemaker

Craig Haserot

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Proprietor

2012 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Our 2012 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot noir exhibits the familiar creamy texture and dark red fruit flavors that fans have enjoyed for years. The warm 2012 growing season resulted in complex flavor development at optimal tannin levels. This wine is nicely balanced, with seductive aromas of dark cherry, black tea and earthy forest floor that deliver an extra level of elegance and finesse.

The 2012 Pinot noir growing season was defined by good yields and ideal weather. Exceptional farming by the Sangiacomo Family ensured that our crop was in the best possible condition on pick day, resulting in a concentrated and luxurious wine. 2012 is a superb Pinot noir vintage, and we are especially proud of our 2012 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot noir.

96 POINTS PINOT REPORT

2012 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

We are thrilled with this vineyard, and the 2012 vintage of this wine is quite impressive. The vineyard is situated in the foothills just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. Steep slopes and rocky soils cause significant vine stress, and the resulting wines are concentrated, with complex flavors and phenomenal structure. Optimal hang-time and picking conditions in 2012 allowed us to fully exploit this vineyard's potential.

We blended together individually fermented lots from our three core blocks comprised of Pinot noir clones 115, 828 and 667. A portion was fermented with stems included, providing additional verve and structure. Dark cherry, black tea and baking spice aromas lead to hints of chocolate and earth. This is a bold wine with many layers that will continue to evolve impressively.

96 POINTS PINOT REPORT

2012 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

The Rodgers Creek vines are grown in light, chalky, volcanic ash soils on steep inclines at a very cool site. The wine is made primarily from the earthy Pommard Pinot noir clone, with a small percentage of clone 777 adding bright fruit and silky texture. In 2012 we whole-cluster fermented 15% of the grapes, adding aromatic complexity and richness. This wine stands out in a crowd and has become the Sojourn team favorite.

In spite of the cool site, the grapes achieved complex flavors and ripe tannins in 2012. The resulting wine is bolder, yet still very expressive of the site and its unique soils. Familiar aromas of mushroom and soy overlay layers of red fruit, earth and hints of rosemary.

94 POINTS PINOT REPORT



2012 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

The 2012 vintage of our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir showcases a number of exceptional vineyards spanning the breadth of the Sonoma Coast appellation, from the southern Petaluma Gap to the northern tip near Annapolis. Pinot noir from the Sangiacomo and Rodgers Creek vineyards provides lush texture and concentrated flavors. The other, more coastal vineyards add fruit character, structure and richness to this complex Pinot noir.

The 2012 vintage offers bright aromas of crushed berries and dark cherries with notes of earth and forest floor, leading to a velvety texture and long finish. This wine reminds us that an appellation blend can be as good as individual vineyard designates, and it remains a tremendous value at \$39!

95 POINTS PINOT REPORT

2012 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

The Sojourn Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay is produced from the same vineyard as our highly-rated Sangiacomo Pinot noirs. The 2012 vintage of this wine is more rich and complex, showing less oak and more depth of character. Aromas of citrus and melon with subtle notes of toasted brioche lead to layers of concentrated flavors. It showcases unique Sonoma Coast regional qualities and the Sangiacomo family's commitment to exemplary viticulture practices.

We produce this Chardonnay using the Old Wente clone from the Sangiacomo Vella Ranch and clone 95 from the Sangiacomo Vineyard on Roberts Road. These parcels are both perfectly suited for growing Chardonnay, with cool climates and well-drained soils. This wine is fermented in French oak barrels, with 30% new oak.

91 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE

2012 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

Our 2012 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay is a blend of lots from three distinct vineyards. Each lot was fermented in French oak barrels utilizing 30% new oak. This wine is refreshing and layered, with rich fruit character and an intriguing mix of depth and vibrancy.

Chardonnay clone 95 was chosen from the Sangiacomo Vineyard along Roberts Road, where we also source our flagship Pinot noir. This component provides minerality and citrus notes along with rich structure and length. Chardonnay from the Rodgers Creek Vineyard provides aromas of stone fruit and crisp acidity. Old Wente clone from Campbell Ranch Vineyard along the northern Sonoma Coast adds tropical notes and lift. These components merge to bring you a fabulous Chardonnay that is a pleasure to drink.

90 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE

2011 Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

In 2011 Sojourn produced a small bottling of this fabulous Rutherford appellation Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine was produced primarily from Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III grapes. The vineyard is the former Beaulieu Vineyard No. 3, which was originally planted by Georges DeLatour in 1928. This is one of Beckstoffer's premier Napa Valley vineyards and showcases the signature "Rutherford Dust" aromatic profile.

For this bottling, we blended in 10% Rutherford Petit Verdot to add structure and layers of dark fruit to the red fruit core and lush textures of the Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine is well balanced with complex layers, aromas and textures that showcase the best of the Rutherford appellation.

2011 Home Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley

The 2011 Home Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is balanced and expressive. The vintage was very cool, and yields were naturally low due to high winds and cold weather during flowering. Lower yields allowed the vines to focus energy on remaining clusters and achieve ripe flavors and tannins. The grapes were picked in early October at lower sugar levels than normal, yet with the same rich flavor profile that its fans have come to love.

This is a showy style of Cabernet Sauvignon, with aromas of blueberry and cocoa. It has a lush entry with seductive, silky tannins and flavors of blue fruit, licorice and chocolate. This wine represents a great value at \$48, and, as in previous years, we expect it to sell out very quickly.

2012 *The Best Vintage Yet!*

Robert Parker rates each vintage for every varietal in major growing regions and publishes the results in his famed wine report, *The Wine Advocate*. For the 2012 vintage, he has rated Pinot noir and Chardonnay with the highest scores since he began rating wines of the Northcoast region, which includes the Sonoma Coast, Russian River Valley, and Napa Valley appellations.

The Sojourn 2012 wines exemplify this exceptional vintage with rich layers of complex flavors and silky textures. Ideal weather conditions during the vintage allowed us to manage vineyards to exacting standards and pick grapes at optimal ripeness and maturity. The warm, even and dry growing season was a nice change from the previous four years.

THE WINE ADVOCATE VINTAGE GUIDE NORTHCOAST REGION

2012 PINOT NOIR – 93 POINTS
BEST YET!

2012 CHARDONNAY – 94 POINTS
BEST YET!

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON –
96 POINTS
TIED WITH 2007



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We welcome the opportunity to host you at our Tasting Salon located just off the Plaza in downtown Sonoma. Sojourn Cellars offers a unique, comparative tasting 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 served in elegant Riedel stemware and shared in a relaxed setting. To ensure a quality, educational and intimate experience, we offer tastings daily by appointment only.

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