



2015 Pinot Noir Rodgers Creek Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Rodgers Creek Vineyard is well suited for Pinot noir, sitting high on a ridge in the heart of the Petaluma Gap, and taking the full brunt of wind and thick fog that define this cool climate zone. Two blocks of the Pommard Pinot noir clone provide the foundation for this wine, with clone 777 adding a layer of bright fruit and lush textures. The vines grow in light, chalky volcanic ash soils on steep inclines. This causes natural vine stress and gives the wine high concentration levels. The combination of unique soils and dominance of the Pommard clone results in a distinctive wine with signature aromatic notes of earth and mushroom each vintage.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2015 vintage started with a bang – an unusually warm winter and dry spring promoted early bud-break, with severe drought conditions continuing throughout the entire growing season. Vines responded by producing loose clusters and smaller berries, with an abundance of flavor and ripe tannins. It was one of the earliest harvests on record with lower than average yields. The resulting wines display tremendous finesse, depth and aromatic intensity. In 2015, tiny berries resulted in high levels of concentration and depth. We whole-cluster fermented 15% of the Rodgers Creek Pommard clone, adding aromatic complexity and verve. We emphasized the use of new oak barrels made from the Bertranges forest near Nevers, France, which tends to offer earthy umami characteristics that enhance the earth and mushroom notes of the Pommard clone in this wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (15% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled July 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.55
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2017
- Retail price: \$48
- 775 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

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ABOUT THE WINERY

Based in the town of Sonoma, Sojourn Cellars is a highly acclaimed winery specializing in the production of artisan Pinot noir, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon wines.

We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Counties, and we help direct farming operations to assure that our grapes are produced using world-class growing techniques. We have consistently produced high-quality wines with a hands-off natural winemaking style that showcases the character and personality of individual vineyards.

Craig Haserot
Proprietor

Erich Bradley
Winemaker

Randy Bennett
Associate Winemaker