



2015 Pinot Noir Walala Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

2015 was our inaugural vintage sourcing grapes from Walala Vineyard. Walala possesses a breathtaking ridgeline that lies 1,200 feet above sea level, just inland from the Pacific Ocean near the coastal town of Annapolis. The maritime climate of this vineyard marks the extreme western edge of Pinot Noir wine growing with success being determined by precise viticulture. The site's gravelly loam soils provide an excellent foundation for clones 113, 115, 777 and 828 that are planted on 3309C and Riparia Gloire rootstocks. This vineyard allows long hang time due to its close proximity to the coast, while the elevation gives the vines ample sunlight in which to ripen.

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, the individual clones were vilified and aged separately, then later blended to create a wine of richness and balance that displays tropical nuances characteristic of the region.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.50
- TA: 6.5 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2017
- Retail price: \$69
- 250 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