

2016 Pinot Noir Riddle Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

THE VINEYARD

Riddle Vineyard is located in Green Valley of the West Sonoma Coast near the town of Occidental. Situated high upon a ridge top with a gentle north facing slopes, the vineyard overlooks many of the iconic Pinot noir vineyards of the region. Mornings tend to be foggy, yet the fog burns off fairly early allowing the vineyard to be drenched in warm sun the rest of the day. Planted in 2008 at a high density with 3.5' x 6' spacing upon exceptional Goldridge soils, the vine roots stretch deep in the soils looking for nutrients and water. This provides for deep and complex flavors in the grapes. Riddle is planted to a mixture of Pinot noir clones 115, 828, Pommard and a distinctive Mt. Eden clone, which was taken as original bud wood from a prominent vineyard planted along California's Central Coast.

WINEMAKER NOTES

In 2016, California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions, resulting in small grape clusters with tiny berries. Yields were slightly higher than in 2015 as the vines were more in balance. Moderate summer temperatures allowed sugar levels and flavor development to progress slowly and evenly. A few brief heat spikes gave way to a cooler than normal August, allowing for longer hang times without rapid sugar accumulation. The resulting wines are robust with deep, concentrated flavors combined with a remarkable freshness. Each of the four clones of Riddle Vineyard were picked and vinified separately. Mt. Eden clone provides the backbone of this blend, with layers of rich, dark fruit. Pommard, 115 and 828 add bright fruit, finesse and structure. The resulting blend is a captivating and inviting mix of classic new world Pinot noir flavors and textures.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2017

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.69
- TA: 5.7 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2018
- Retail price: \$59
- 450 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.