



2016 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley



THE VINEYARDS

Our 2016 Russian River Valley Pinot noir is a blend of five vineyards and several clones. This wine showcases the beautiful expression of Pinot noir when grown in the cool climate and loamy soils offered within the Russian River Valley. Wohler Vineyard Pinot noir provides classic Russian River Valley characteristics from its site adjacent to the river. Riddle Vineyard, located in Green Valley, provides complexity and nuance. Pratt Vineyard, nestled in the Sebastopol hills, adds bright acidity and fresh fruit flavors. A small proportion of the renowned Reuling Vineyard balances out the blend with earthy notes and silky tannins.

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. Our Russian River Valley grapes were harvested and vinified in small lots to retain the subtle differences between each of the vineyards. After a five-day cold soak, native yeasts initiated the fermentations, which lasted 10–14 days. After a gentle pressing, the wines were barreled down into high-quality Burgundy cooperage for 11 months of ageing.

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: 14.2%
- pH: 3.65
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2018
- Retail price: \$42
- 900 cases produced
- AVA: Russian River Valley

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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
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