



2016 Pinot Noir Sangiaco Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

This vineyard is situated on Roberts Road at the western base of Sonoma Mountain. We source fruit from six distinct blocks. The clone 115 block was originally planted in 1998 on 101-14 rootstock in an old creek bed, and forms the base of this wine each vintage. The primary clone 777 block was planted in 1999 on 101-14 rootstock in deeper loam soils. Small portions of Swan clone are blended in to add complexity and structural nuances. Climate is key to this vineyard's ability to produce noteworthy Pinot noir. Cool ocean breezes and Petaluma Gap fog keep the heat in check and allow for long hang time while retaining natural acidity.

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. Clone 115 from Sangiaco Vineyard was our final Pinot noir pick in 2016 on September 25th. Clones 777 and Swan were particularly expressive this vintage, offering layers of rich texture and deep red fruit flavors.

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: 14.5%
- pH: 3.67
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2018
- Retail price: \$59
- 1,250 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