



# 2016 Pinot Noir Wohler Vineyard - Russian River Valley



## THE VINEYARD

Replanted in 2006, Wohler Vineyard in Forestville sits in the heart of the famed Russian River Valley, within sight of the Russian River and the historic Wohler Bridge. The combination of climate and Goldridge Series soils provides an environment well suited for growing ultra-premium Pinot noir. In 2016, we sourced grapes from five distinct blocks within the vineyard. Our blocks of clones 667 and 828 sit at the highest elevation and are the best-draining blocks on the property. Clones 115 and 2A are planted in cooler, lower spots within the vineyard where the soils contain more clay. Each block offers unique characteristics and an array of blending options with each vintage.

## 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. Wohler Vineyard was harvested in multiple passes as each block ripened at a different pace. The clones were vinified separately, with 667 and 828 providing richness and density as the foundation of the blend. Clones 115 and 777 provided bright fruit and elegance, with a splash of Wädenswil 2A for earthiness.

## 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: 6.2 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2018
- Retail price: \$48
- 600 cases produced
- AVA: Russian River Valley

## TASTING SALON

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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