

SOJOURN CELLARS

Campbell Ranch Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

275 cases: Score: 91 Vivid ruby-red. Intense aromas of raspberry compote, potpourri, sandalwood and minerals, with an exotic blood orange nuance adding complexity. Stains the palate with vibrant red and dark berry flavors and picks up cola and mocha qualities and a touch of licorice. Shows a suave floral pastille nuance on a clinging finish framed by youthfully chewy tannins. Still very young but aeration helps open it up quite a bit.

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Ridgetop Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

(50% new oak and no stems): Bright ruby-red. Ripe raspberry, incense and rose oil on the fragrant, oakspiced nose. Fleshy and broad on entry, then tighter in the middle, offering lively red and dark berry flavors and a touch of vanilla. Smooth and seamless on the finish, with echoes of the raspberry and spice notes. Very young still, but highly promising; definitely give it some air or bottle age.

450 cases; Score: 91

1,150 cases; Score: 91

325 cases; Score: 90

825 cases; Score: 90

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Sangiacomo Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

(all de-stemmed fruit and 50% new oak): Brilliant ruby. Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of blackberry and cherrycola, with smoke and mineral accents emerging with air. Densely packed red and dark berry flavors stretch out in the glass and pick up allspice and star anise qualities, along with a touch of vanilla. Powerful but at the same time lithe and precise, with excellent finishing clarity and smooth, even tannins.

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Silver Eagle Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

(50% new oak; all de-stemmed fruit): Brilliant ruby-red. Pungent dark berries, licorice, mocha and allspice on the fragrant, mineral-tinged nose. Offers intense dark berry and spicecake flavors that are lifted and given spine by tangy acidity, which also adds clarity. Becomes chewier and spicier with air and finishes sappy, gently tannic and long, with a lingering hint of cola.

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Gap's Crown Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

(50% new oak): Dark ruby. Spicy dark berries, cola and mocha on the deeply perfumed nose, with a smoky nuance emerging with aeration. Ripe and expansive on entry, then tighter in the mid-palate, offering sweet red and dark berry flavors and suggestions of licorice and vanilla bean. Round yet lively, with very good finishing clarity and smooth tannins building slowly. 10% whole clusters were used here.

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Rodgers Creek Vineyard, 2012 Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

725 cases; Score: 90 (50% new oak and 15% whole clusters): Vivid ruby red. Aromas of red and dark berries, spicecake. underbrush and rose oil, with a smokey quality building with air. Chewy black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors show an appealing sweetness and are underscored by zesty minerality and a hint of musky herbs. Weightier and darker on the finish, which features blackberry and licorice qualities and youthfully gripping tannins. In and old-school Burgundian style, with an appealing rusticity.