

New Releases from Sojourn Cellars

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I've been a fan of Sonoma-based Sojourn's Pinot Noir program for [some time](#). They're one of the most [reliably outstanding fruit-forward California Pinot Noir producers](#) I've come across.

So I was very pleased to receive samples of their 2012s to give me an ~~excuse~~ opportunity to crack open some bottles early, for a window into this well-regarded vintage from a well-regarded producer. While bottles I previously purchased from their [mailing list](#) rest.

These 2012 single vineyard Pinots from Sojourn are well-crafted. Some are extraordinary. Here are my notes...

2012 Sojourn Silver Eagle Pinot Noir

95/100 WWP: Classic

14.2% Alcohol

325 Cases Produced

\$59 Release Price

Spectacular. What Sojourn does best is site-specific yet fruit forward California Pinot Noir and this is a great example of their style. Bright light magenta in color but *full* of effortless power and finesse. Aromatically this is an amazing explosion of perfectly-ripened strawberries, briar patch, and orange peel. So light on its feet but it gets serious on the palate. The medium/slightly-full bodied mouthfeel is surprising given how light in color it is. Just brilliant across the palate and on the finish. A tremendous accomplishment here. Classic California Pinot Noir. Wonderful.

2012 Sojourn Ridgetop Pinot Noir

93/100 WWP: Outstanding

14.4% Alcohol

450 Cases Produced

\$59 Release Price

Dark magenta visually. About 60% opaque. This wine absolutely leaps from the glass. Strawberries, violets, orange oil and supporting woody aromatics. Lively on the palate. There's a brash vibrancy to this wine that's tremendously appealing. Kind of like a youthful prodigy where you're wondering how great they might become. 93+ for now with room for improvement with integration.

2012 Sojourn Campbell Ranch Pinot Noir

91/100 WWP: Outstanding

14.2% Alcohol

275 Cases Produced

\$59 Release Price

Although this wine is free of particulates visually, there's a silky chalky aspect to this wine across the entire experience worth noting. Aromatically it's classic California Pinot Noir: Strawberries for days with supporting herbs/briar patch. But also an undeniable calcium-esque aspect even on the nose. On the palate it's very easy to enjoy with a slightly tart note on the backend that keeps it in check. A really terrific California Pinot Noir that I've got no arguments with whatsoever. It's a joy to drink.