

# PINOTREPORT

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### SMART BUY!

*"Spicy, earthy style..."*

#### **Sojourn Cellars**

***Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Windsor Oaks  
Vineyard 2008***

Medium ruby color; deep, ripe dusty cherry and earth aromas; ripe, dusty red cherry flavor with spice and earth notes, some toasty oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Spicy, earthy style of Pinot that will pair well with an earthy mushroom pasta.

**100 cases made    \$48    Score: 91**

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Medium-deep ruby color; rich, ripe red cherry aromas; deep, complex, rich cherry and spice flavors with nice cola notes and some earth; silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich and spicy Pinot with nice flavors now and more to come with some age.

**200 cases made    \$42    Score: 92**

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*"Incredibly complex..."*

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***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Gap's Crown Vineyard  
2008***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, complex blueberry and dark cherry aromas with lots of spicy notes; rich, ripe, complex dark cherry and blueberry pie flavors; spice and earthy notes; silky texture, sweet oak; great structure and balance; long finish. Incredibly complex and full of flavor, this Pinot has a lot of time ahead of it but also drinks well now.

**440 cases made    \$48    Score: 95**

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***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Rodgers Creek  
Vineyard 2008***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, concentrated, berry aromas; deep, ripe berry and red cherry flavors with earthy, mineral notes and sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep and concentrated Pinot that makes a good statement for this new vineyard in the Petaluma Gap region.

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2008***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, spicy clove and dark cherry aromas; big, rich, ripe, dark cherry flavors with spicy clove and earthy notes; very silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, ripe and very complex Pinot with an amazing core of fruit; beautiful to drink now but will definitely improve with age. Great Pinot from a great vineyard.

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Medium ruby color; somewhat tight on the nose with earthy, spicy aromas; deep and rich cherry flavors as wine opens up with spice and earthy notes; very silky texture, nice sweet oak notes; good structure and balance; long finish. Full of potential, this is a Pinot that shows well now with air but really needs some time to develop. Patience....

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