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MAKE ROOM IN THE CELLAR!

"Laser-focused Pinot..."

Sojourn Cellars

***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Sangiacomo Vineyard
2009***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, complex, spicy stewed cherry aromas; big, ripe, stewed dark cherry flavors; very complex, earthy, spice notes; silky texture; great structure and balance; long finish. Incredibly complex Pinot with laser-focused flavors. Needs a ton of time, but I love it right now.

875 cases made \$48 Score: 97

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2009***

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, complex dark cherry aromas with spice and dusty notes; ripe, complex dark cherry with cinnamon and pie spice notes; silky texture, sweet oak; great structure and balance; long finish. Very tight now but also full of flavor and potential -- needs time in the bottle.

900 cases made \$48 Score: 95

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***Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast Rodgers Creek
Vineyard 2009***

Medium-deep ruby color; bright, deep dark cherry aromas with earthy, mushroomy notes; deep, bright cherry fruit flavors with mushroom and earthy notes and sweet oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Earthy, complex Pinot that needs a good hour in the glass -- dreamy with some mushroom pasta.

575 cases made \$48 Score: 94

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Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2009

Medium-deep ruby color; deep, lush, spicy cinnamon and cherry aromas; deep, rich spicy cherry flavors with some oak and silky texture; good structure and balance; long finish. Deep and forward fruit really make this a delight to drink.

800 cases made \$39 Score: 94

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Medium-deep ruby color; earthy, loamy aromas with some red cherry notes; deep, rich, earthy-cherry flavors with Asian spice notes; silky texture and spicy oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Earthy, deep Pinot with a lot of time ahead of it.

250 cases made \$59 Score: 93

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