



2013 Pinot Noir

Rodgers Creek Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Rodgers Creek Vineyard is well suited for Pinot noir, sitting high on a ridge in the heart of the Petaluma Gap, and taking the full brunt of wind and thick fog that define this cool climate zone. Two blocks of the Pommard Pinot noir clone provide the foundation for this wine, with clone 777 adding a layer of bright fruit and lush textures. The vines grow in light, chalky volcanic ash soils on steep inclines. This causes natural vine stress and gives the wine high concentration levels. The combination of unique soils and dominance of the Pommard clone results in a distinctive wine with signature aromatic notes of earth and mushroom each vintage.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2013 growing season began early, with a warm and dry spring, and the weather stayed beautiful through harvest with a moderate heat wave in early September moving the grapes to optimal ripeness. We picked all of our Pinot noir in September for the first time. Dry weather in both winter and spring resulted in smaller berry sizes with robust tannins, detailed aromatics and high concentration levels. In 2013, we whole-cluster fermented 15% of the Pommard clone, adding aromatic complexity and verve. We emphasized the use of new oak barrels made from the Bertranges forest near Nevers, France, which tends to offer earthy umami characteristics that enhance the earth and mushroom notes of the Pommard clone in this wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (15% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled September 2014

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.68
- TA: 5.7 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2015
- Retail price: \$48
- 700 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

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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