



2013 Pinot Noir

Ridgetop Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

2013 was our fifth vintage sourcing fruit from the Ridgetop Vineyard, owned and managed by Thomas Rivers Brown and Fred Schrader. Ulises Valdez cares for the vineyard with precise attention to detail demanded by this extreme site. Ridgetop is located in the remote coastal mountains along the northern Sonoma Coast near Annapolis. Surrounded by redwoods at approximately 1100 feet above the Pacific, the salty sea air and ocean breezes are ever present, with thick fog receding each day to present ideal ripening conditions for Pinot noir. The vines produce minuscule yields each vintage, with concentrated flavors, provocative aromatics, and silky texture as they struggle to grow in Goldridge loam soils and a collection of old silt, sandstone, and remnants of ancient seabed.

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. Dijon clones 115, 667, and 777 were blended together after being separately fermented in 2013. All three ferments were clean and went through at moderate temperatures peaking around 85F degrees. Clone 777 provided a beautiful richness with silky tannins and was the most expressive of the three. The other two clones added structure and focus to the blend.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled September 2014

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.66
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2015
- Retail price: \$59
- 425 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