



2014 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

THE VINEYARD

Gap's Crown is situated on Roberts Road just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. This is a high-end, hillside vineyard that is gaining acclaim. In 2014, our fruit came from three distinct blocks within this vineyard. The 828 block was planted in 2002 on 110R rootstock at 800 feet elevation. The 115 block was planted in 2005 on 3309 rootstock at 1200 feet in extremely rocky soil. Both of these blocks have pure western exposure and benefit from the cool micro-climate of this site, as well as the natural stress created by the severity of the terrain in which these blocks are located. The 667 block has a northwest exposure and produces very small berries with dark purple coloring and loads of structure.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 growing season began very early with winter drought conditions leading to early bud break and one of the earliest harvests on record. March rains fueled the vines and moderate summer weather allowed the grapes to develop at an even pace. We began picking in late August as the grapes achieved optimal ripeness. All of our Pinot noir and Chardonnay grapes were picked by the end of September. Thicker skins and even ripening conditions resulted in balanced, complex wines of depth and nuance. Gap's Crown vineyard delivers strong phenolics each vintage, with dark velvety colors, ample tannins, and great acidity. In 2014, the Gap's Crown grape skins were thick and ripe. The resulting wine is well-structured, layered, and built to age well. Clones 667 and 115 formed the base of the blend. A portion of clone 828 was fermented with stems and blended in, for an overall rate of 10% whole-cluster.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (10% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled September 2015

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.6%
- pH: 3.51
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2016
- Retail price: \$59
- 1,350 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

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Associate Winemaker