



# 2014 Pinot Noir Riddle Vineyard - Sonoma Coast

## THE VINEYARD

Riddle Vineyard is located in Green Valley of the West Sonoma Coast near the town of Occidental. Situated high upon a ridge top with a gentle north facing slopes, the vineyard overlooks many of the iconic Pinot noir vineyards of the region. Mornings tend to be foggy, yet the fog burns off fairly early allowing the vineyard to be drenched in warm sun the rest of the day. Planted in 2008 at a high density with 3.5' x 6' spacing upon exceptional Goldridge soils, the vine roots stretch deep in the soils looking for nutrients and water. This provides for deep and complex flavors in the grapes. Riddle is planted to a mixture of Pinot noir clones 115, Pommard and a distinctive Mt. Eden clone, which was taken as original bud wood from a prominent vineyard planted along California's Central Coast.

## 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. The Mt. Eden component provides the foundation of this exceptional vineyard-designate Pinot noir with rich dark fruit flavors, concentration and silky tannins. Clones 115 and Pommard add layers of red fruit, earthy notes and texture to build additional complexity and balance to the overall blend.

## FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2015

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.61
- TA: 5.8 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2016
- Retail price: \$59
- 350 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast



## TASTING SALON

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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