

2014 Pinot Noir Sangiaco Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

This vineyard is situated on Roberts Road at the western base of Sonoma Mountain. We sourced fruit from six distinct blocks in 2014. The clone 115 block was originally planted in 1998 on 101-14 rootstock in an old creek bed, and forms the base of this wine each vintage. The primary clone 777 block was planted in 1999 on 101-14 rootstock in deeper loam soils. Small portions of Swan clone are blended in to add complexity and structural nuances. Climate is key to this vineyard's ability to produce noteworthy Pinot noir. Cool ocean breezes and Petaluma Gap fog keep the heat in check and allow for long hang time while retaining natural acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2014 growing season began very early with winter drought conditions leading to early bud break and the earliest harvest 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. The late ripening characteristics of the Sangiaco Vineyard allowed us to hang the grapes on the vine until late September. A small rain helped extend the hang-time and afterwards a nice medium heat allowed the phenolics and flavors to crescendo in a riveting way. The resulting wine has exceptional concentration with bramble and savage notes complimenting the classic Pinot noir characteristics that the Sangiaco Robert's Road Vineyard is known for.

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: 14.5%
- pH: 3.64
- TA: 5.7 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.