



# 2016 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 2016, 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 1,200 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

In 2016, California experienced a fifth year of severe drought conditions, resulting in small grape clusters with tiny berries. Yields were slightly higher than in 2015 as the vines were more in balance. Moderate summer temperatures allowed sugar levels and flavor development to progress slowly and evenly. A few brief heat spikes gave way to a cooler than normal August, allowing for longer hang times without rapid sugar accumulation. The resulting wines are robust with deep, concentrated flavors combined with a remarkable freshness. Gap's Crown vineyard delivers strong phenolics each vintage, with dark velvety colors, robust tannins, and ample acidity. In 2016, tiny berries resulted in high levels of concentration. This 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 unfined and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2017

### FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.6%
- pH: 3.6
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2018
- Retail price: \$69
- 1350 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