



2017 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 2017, 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

The 2017 vintage endured tragic wildfires that were driven by 80 mph winds on October 8-9. The fires devastated Napa and Sonoma counties, destroyed more than 8,000 structures, took 44 lives and disrupted winery operations for several days. Fortunately, all of our Pinot noir grapes were picked prior to the fires and there was no impact to our 2017 Pinot noir wines. Balanced vines and temperature fluctuations resulted in layers of flavors and complexity in the wines. The overall high quality of the vintage is a blessing after such challenging events. Gap's Crown vineyard delivers strong phenolics each vintage, with dark velvety colors, robust tannins, and ample acidity. The vines responded well in 2017 and handled the early heat, resulting in a wine of depth and nuance. This wine is well-structured, layered, and built to age. Clones 667 and 115 formed the base. 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 August 2018

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.6%
- pH: 3.57
- TA: 6.2 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2019
- Retail price: \$69
- 1,025 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