



2017 Pinot Noir

Rodgers Creek Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Rodgers Creek Vineyard is well-suited for Pinot noir, sitting high on a ridge in the heart of the Petaluma Gap, and taking the full brunt of wind and thick fog that define this cool climate zone. Two blocks of the Pommard Pinot noir clone provide the foundation for this wine, with clone 777 adding a layer of bright fruit and lush textures. The vines grow in light, chalky volcanic ash soils on steep inclines. This causes natural vine stress and gives the wine high concentration levels. The combination of unique soils and dominance of the Pommard clone results in a distinctive wine with signature aromatic notes of earth and mushroom each vintage.

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. In 2017, the vines matured at a slow pace, allowing for long hang time and complex flavor development. We whole-cluster fermented 20% of the Rodgers Creek Pommard clone, adding aromatic complexity and verve. We emphasized the use of new oak barrels made from the Bertranges forest near Nevers, France, which offers earthy umami characteristics that enhance the natural earth and mushroom notes of the Pommard clone in this wine.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (20% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2018

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.71
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2019
- Retail price: \$48
- 800 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