



2017 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, 828, 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 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. Each of the four clones of Riddle Vineyard were picked and vinified separately. Mt. Eden clone provides the backbone of this blend, with layers of rich, dark fruit. Pommard, 115 and 828 add bright fruit, finesse and structure. The resulting blend is expressive, with a myriad of berry flavors and layers of plush texture.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2018

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.69
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2019
- Retail price: \$59
- 400 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