



2017 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley



THE VINEYARDS

Our 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot noir is a blend of five vineyards and several clones. This wine showcases the beautiful expression of Pinot noir when grown in the cool climate and loamy soils offered within the Russian River Valley. Wohler Vineyard Pinot noir provides classic Russian River Valley characteristics from its site adjacent to the river. Riddle Vineyard, located in Green Valley, provides complexity and nuance. Pratt Vineyard, nestled in the Sebastopol hills, adds bright acidity and fresh fruit flavors. A small proportion of the renowned Reuling Vineyard balances out the blend with earthy notes and silky tannins.

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. Our Russian River Valley grapes were harvested and vinified in small lots to retain the subtle differences between each of the vineyards. After a four-day cold soak, native yeasts initiated the fermentations, which lasted 10–14 days. After a gentle pressing, the wines were barreled down into high-quality Burgundy cooperage for 11 months of ageing.

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: 14.2%
- pH: 3.66
- TA: 6.1 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2019
- Retail price: \$45
- 625 cases produced
- AVA: Russian River Valley

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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

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