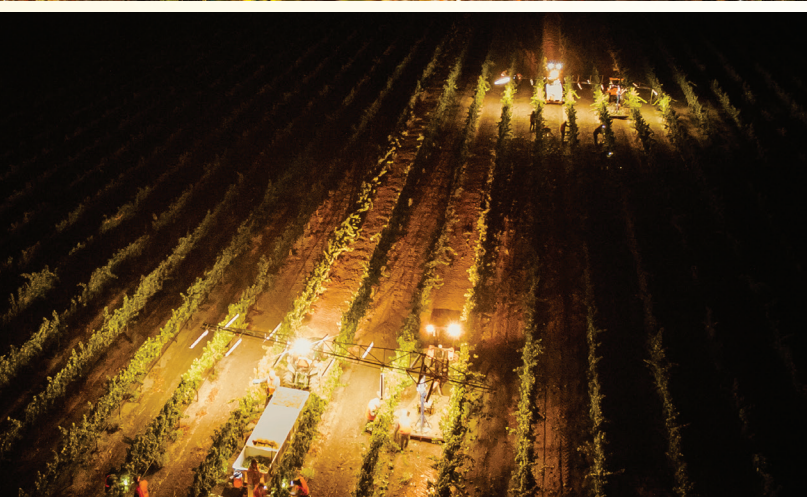




OUR FALL 2019
WINE RELEASE IS HERE



As we begin the Fall 2019 Release and approach what looks to be another excellent harvest, we reflect back on the 2017 and 2016 vintages.

Even though the 2017 vintage presented challenges for grape growers and winemakers alike, we were rewarded for our diligence in the vineyard and the winery with rich, concentrated wines that will age gracefully. The vintage provided wines with an abundance of depth and flavor that are showing nicely in their youth and also promise great ageing potential.

At the core of the Fall 2019 Release is a quartet of 2017 single vineyard Pinot noir wines from the West Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley – Reuling, Riddle, Ridgetop and Wohler – each with a rating of 94 points or higher. They display the hallmark Sojourn intensity of flavor and creamy mouthfeel while respecting their sites of origin. Not to be forgotten is the Russian River Valley appellation Pinot noir from the outstanding 2017 vintage.

Our 2017 Chardonnay wines display enhanced layers of flavors and complexity due to extreme temperature fluctuations and attentive viticulture practices. The

Durell Vineyard Chardonnay is rich and expressive, while the Gap's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay maintains its mineral focus with balance and finesse.

For our Cabernet Sauvignon wines in this release, we turn our focus to Napa Valley. Our 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon wines are impressive and live up to the high standard of this top Napa Valley vintage. Our Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is a highlight for this release with its tremendous depth and aromatic intensity. Our velvety Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon captures the essence of this elite Napa Valley appellation and is delicious now, but will also reward cellaring.

We hope you enjoy our Fall 2019 Release wines. We were so pleased to see so many of you in our Tasting Salon and at various wine events around the country. As always, thank you for your tremendous support.

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"Life is but a Sojourn. Enjoy the best of it."—Plato

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PINOT NOIR

2017 Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Reuling has a unique and distinctive terroir that continues to fascinate us as winemakers. It is planted to three unique Pinot noir clones: Calera, and two distinct "suitcase" clones from the Vosne-Romanée region of Burgundy. Mark Aubert helped develop the vineyard and has produced highly rated Reuling Pinot noir for ten years. Impressive and distinctive, this 2017 vintage Pinot noir opens with complex aromas of earth and forest floor that lead to dark cherry, mushroom and truffle notes. James Suckling writes, "an extremely fresh and vibrant Pinot noir with crisp tannins and racy acidity. I love the sour-cherry and fresh-herb aromas that pour from the glass."

Rated 94 Points

2017 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Riddle Vineyard is in a rugged section of the West Sonoma Coast and is situated at the top of a coastal ridge with a gentle slope. James Riddle gives each vine special attention, clipping shoots to the wires to maximize leaf exposure and making several passes through the vines each vintage to orient clusters and create the best opportunity to produce exceptional fruit. The Mt. Eden clone provides a foundation of robust berry flavors and rich silky texture. Three additional clones balance out the 2017 single-vineyard blend, adding complexity and length. It provides intriguing bramble berry fruit flavors, concentration and silky tannins.

Rated 94 Points

2017 Ridgetop Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

One of our most remote vineyard sites, Ridgetop Vineyard is in the coastal mountains along the northern Sonoma Coast. It is situated high above the Pacific where ocean breezes are ever present and their vines produce miniscule yields with concentrated flavors, provocative aromatics, and silky texture as they struggle to grow. Always a Sojourn fan favorite and one of the fastest wines to sell out each year, this wine offers pronounced aromas of red and tropical fruits and burnt orange overlaying a bold strength and complexity at its core. The texture of this 2017 vintage Pinot noir is rich and supple. According to Dr. Rusty Gaffney of *PinotFile*, "the nose is like great sex – hard to describe, but a five-alarm sensation."

Rated 95 Points



2017 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Wohler Vineyard is in the heart of Russian River Valley and just minutes from the iconic vineyards that originally established the region's global reputation for Pinot noir. Clones 667 and 828 form the foundation, providing a rich, lush core. A touch of Wädenswil 2A clone adds focus and earthy aromatics. The 2017 blend resulted in a wine that James Suckling described as, "having iron in its soul. The richly textured and lively palate is structured for long ageing. I love the mineral freshness that drives the long and intense finish."

Rated 95 Points

2017 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Our 2017 Russian River Valley Pinot noir captures the essence of this appellation as a world-class region for growing Pinot noir. It is a blend of three vineyards, with Wohler and Riddle vineyards making up the majority. In 2017, we included new components from the famed Bucher Vineyard. Bucher provides additional layers of dark fruit flavors, richness and depth. It adds another layer to the red fruit profiles and lush textures from Wohler and Riddle. The resulting blend offers freshness and balance with multiple layers of red and dark fruits, earth and floral notes. Intriguing aromatics lead to a lush silky texture.

Rated 91 Points

CHARDONNAY

2017 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

Durell Vineyard has been the source behind some of the most sought-after Chardonnay wines. We feel fortunate to work with two outstanding vineyard blocks that combine to make something special. Both 100% Old Wente clone blocks were harvested at night and pressed to extract only the highest quality juice. This 2017 vintage wine is lively and exotic with rich flavors, complexity and focus. We fermented in French oak barrels to produce an expansive wine that illustrates the balance and exceptional character of the vintage. Dr. Owen Bargreen of *International Wine Report* writes, "the mid-palate weight is gorgeous, and a beam of salinity runs through the orchard fruit and creamy flavors."

Rated 93 Points

2017 Gap's Crown Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

We source our most mineral-driven Chardonnay from three distinct blocks within Gap's Crown Vineyard, each providing key components to the blend. The Price Family Vineyards team farms Gap's Crown to the highest standards of quality and with exacting precision. Clusters are typically small and dense with prominent hen and chick berries, resulting in wines of intense concentration of flavor. This Chardonnay is leaner and focused and appeals to both Francophiles and new-world Chardonnay fans alike. According to Dr. Rusty Gaffney of *PinotFile*, the wine possesses "discreet rich lemon-lime, pineapple and brioche flavors with very modest tannins and a lengthy vibrant finish."

Rated 93 Points

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016 Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

The organically farmed Oakville Ranch Vineyard sits at 1,400 feet, rising above the eastern edge of the renowned Oakville Appellation of Napa Valley. It overlooks Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, and other prominent vineyards that established the region's reputation. Cool Pacific breezes, warm air from the valley, and red iron-rich soils of rock, clay, loam and basalt all combine to produce wines of great structure, power and depth. The lauded 2016 vintage provided ideal weather conditions for the grapes to ripen optimally. This wine has tremendous depth, finesse and aromatic intensity, and we are extremely proud of it. Only 150 cases produced.

Rated 93 Points

2016 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

The hillside of Oakville Ranch Vineyard dominates the blend of our generous and supple 2016 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon. Two other valley-floor vineyards balance out the muscular hillside fruit to create this rich and silky Cabernet Sauvignon from Napa Valley's most renowned district. The sprinkling of clay over volcanic rocks, high elevation and western exposure combine to produce powerful, rich, structured wines. 2016 provided ideal weather conditions for all three vineyards used in this blend to ripen optimally. The resulting wine is rich and vibrant, offering vivid flavors of blackberry, raspberry, cassis and mocha.

Rated 92 Points



VISIT US IN SONOMA!

Sojourn Cellars has an elegant Tasting Salon located in the town of Sonoma. Our tastings feature flights of Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines, presented in a side-by-side format. Our comparative tastings allow guests to experience the nuances and distinctive qualities in our portfolio of vineyard sites from the Sonoma Coast, Russian River, and Napa Valley appellations. We encourage you to visit us in Sonoma as well as send us your friends, family, and business colleagues who will appreciate terroir-driven, artisanal winemaking.



OAKVILLE RANCH VINEYARD SPOTLIGHT

Oakville Ranch is a rugged 330-acre estate and an original mountain vineyard in Napa Valley's prestigious Oakville Appellation. At 1,400 feet above the valley floor, Oakville Ranch Vineyard produces grapes that demonstrate the power and depth of the signature red volcanic soil and mountain micro-climate. It overlooks Napa Valley and famous neighbors such as Dalla Valle, Screaming Eagle, Joseph Phelps' Backus Vineyard, and Pedregal.

Its high elevation and western exposure, in combination with the soils, produce rich, powerfully structured wines that make the vineyard one of the most sought after in California for Cabernet Sauvignon. The property was purchased by Mary Miner and her late husband Robert in 1989. They've gradually increased the vineyard plantings to 75 acres of predominantly Bordeaux varietals. Most of the ranch remains in its natural state with grassy meadows, native woodlands and winding streams sustaining a variety of flora and fauna.

Esteemed organic viticulturalist Phil Coturri replanted the vineyard in 2006. As such, the farming of the vineyard is governed by a holistic organic approach, building and enriching the earth for the long term, and cultivating vines that produce fruit of the highest quality. Solar power supplies 100% of the ranch's needs.

A place of dramatic beauty and dedication to organic farming, Oakville Ranch farms its land in a well-planned program of sustainability, crafting singular wines expressive of its distinctive terroir. The ultimate expression of the beauty of this place is found in the wine. It showcases how extraordinary terroir and meticulous farming can create a wine of profound distinction.

At a Glance:

Clones: 337, 4, 169

Rootstock: 101-14, 110R

Planted: 2006

Soil: red clay on volcanic andesite and basalt

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WAGYU BEEF BURGER

Pair with Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Serves about 14 - 7 oz patties

6 lbs. Wagyu beef	6 oz. red cooking wine
Salt and pepper to taste	1 medium wheel of Presidente Brie cheese
1/4 cup of ketchup	1 small jar store purchased aioli
3 medium to large shallots finely diced	6-8 oz. mixed greens
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce	1 red onion thinly sliced
1 cup dried cherries	12-14 brioche burger buns

In a small sauce pan place the cherries and soak them with the red wine and let them sit on a low heat until the wine has been absorbed by the cherries (about 10 mins).

Take the wheel of Presidente cheese and portion out small rectangles of desired sizes and place them aside to use on the burger.

Place the meat, ketchup, shallots, S+P to taste, and Worcestershire sauce into a mixing bowl. If you have a Kitchen Aid we recommend adding the meat paddle and mixing the meat with it on a medium speed. Mix until the meat starts to slightly stick to the bowl. If you do not have access to a Kitchen Aid, mix the meat by hand until all of the items have been incorporated. Portion the meat into 7 oz. patties.

Before placing on the grill, add a pinch of S+P on each side. Place on the grill and let the meat cook to rare and flip. On the grilled side add a small amount of cherries and place two rectangles of the Brie cheese on top of the cherries and allow them to melt. Toast burger bun if preferred. On the buns, spread aioli and then place the cooked patties on the burger bun.

In a small mixing bowl, toss mixed greens and red onions in the balsamic dressing. Mix well. Place the mixed greens and balsamic on top of the burger as desired.

Recipe kindly provided by Carpe Diem, Napa by Chef Jose Cevallos

WINEMAKER UPDATE – 2018 VINTAGE PREVIEW

According to the wine harvest report from *Wine Spectator*, "2018 sings of an ideal year for Sonoma." We couldn't agree more. The 2018 growing season offered moderate weather, cool temperatures at night and a nice long growing season. As winemakers, this is what we hope and dream for. This type of weather pattern allows the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly over the course of summer and early fall, gaining flavor complexities and ripe tannins, while retaining natural acidity – the hallmarks of an outstanding vintage.

We recently completed blending trials on our 2018 Pinot noir and Chardonnay wines. Deep flavors and savory notes are popping out of each glass. Rich textures have been consistent in all of the wines.

In this Fall Release, we are showcasing some of our favorite wines from the 2016 and 2017 vintages. 2016 turned out an exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon vintage in Napa Valley, and our Oakville Ranch Vineyard bottling illustrates the true potential of these famous red hills. This release also introduces our small-bottling 2017 vintage Pinot noir and Chardonnay wines that offer distinctive, robust fruit flavors. It has been fascinating to taste them side-by-side and experience the variety in their personalities, which appear more extreme this vintage.

