



# 2018 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 south facing slope, the vineyard overlooks many of the iconic vineyards of the region. Mornings tend to be foggy, yet the fog burns off early, allowing the vines 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, complex flavors. 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 2018 Sonoma Coast vintage offered moderate weather, cool evening temperatures and a long, even growing season. The weather conditions were ideal and allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly over the course of summer and early fall. This allowed the grapes to gain flavor complexities and ripe tannins, while retaining natural acidity. The vineyards offered grapes of exceptional quality and high yields alike. 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 very 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 2019

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.60
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2020
- Retail price: \$59
- 400 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

## TASTING SALON

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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