

2019 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Gap's Crown Vineyard has become one of the most iconic Pinot noir vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. It was originally developed by Premier Pacific Vineyards between 2002 and 2005 and later purchased by Price Family Vineyards in 2013. In 2007, Sojourn Cellars became one of the first to make a vineyard-designate wine from Gap's Crown. Our clone 115 block, planted in 2005 on 3309 root stock at 1,200 feet elevation, has been the foundation for Sojourn since we began making Pinot noir from this vineyard. Our clone 828 block was planted in 2002 on 420A root stock, and two clone 667 blocks round out the blend, both planted in 2004 on 3309 root stock. This hillside vineyard is situated on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain and is cooled by the persistent wind and fog of the Petaluma Gap.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 vintage was similar to 2018 in that the mild season allowed for long and slow maturation. The lack of major heat waves and virtually no rain during harvest allowed us to pick every vineyard block at optimal ripeness. The 2019 vintage was slightly lower yielding, which resulted in greater concentration in the wines. Balanced structures and rich flavors are consistent throughout the 2019 vintage wines. The 2019 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot noir grapes were picked over the course of September 20th through September 30th from our separate blocks across the vineyard landscape. Each block was fermented separately and aged on lees until final blending just prior to bottling. A portion of clone 667 was fermented with stems and blended in for an overall rate of 10% whole-cluster.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (10% whole cluster)
- · Open-top fermentation
- · Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- · Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2020

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.6%
- pH: 3.59
- TA: 5.7 g/L
- · Release date: Spring 2021
- · Retail price: \$69
- · 850 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.