



2019 Pinot Noir

Ridgetop Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Ridgetop Vineyard is owned and managed by Thomas Rivers Brown and Fred Schrader. Ulises Valdez, Jr. cares for the vineyard with a precise attention to detail demanded by this extreme site. Ridgetop is located in the remote coastal mountains along the northern Sonoma Coast near Annapolis. Surrounded by redwoods at approximately 1,100 feet above the Pacific, the salty sea air and ocean breezes are ever present, with thick fog receding each day to present ideal ripening conditions for Pinot noir. The vines produce minuscule yields each vintage, with concentrated flavors, provocative aromatics, and silky texture as they struggle to grow in Goldridge loam soils and a collection of old silt, sandstone, and remnants of ancient seabed.

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. Yields were tiny again in 2019. Clones 115, 667 and 777 were harvested separately and vinified in small 1-ton fermenters. The blend showcases the exotic fruit character the vineyard is known for, with balanced structure and intensity resulting from the small berry sizes and tiny clusters offered in the 2019 vintage.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2020

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.56
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- Release date: August 2021
- Retail price: \$69
- 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.

Erich Bradley
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