



THE VINEYARD

Gap's Crown Vineyard is situated on Roberts Road just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. This is a high-end hillside vineyard that has become a gem of the Sonoma Coast. We source Chardonnay grapes from two distinctive blocks within the vineyard. The Clone 95 block was planted in 2004 on 16-16 rootstock and has a beautiful south facing aspect. The Clone 76 block was also planted in 2004 running over a ridgeline with a variety of exposures. Both of these blocks start off in sandy loam with alluvial gravel, transitioning to iron-rich loam with higher proportions of volcanic rocks as they ascend uphill. Clusters are small and dense with hen and chick berries.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2020 was challenging across the globe as we managed through a pandemic full of unknowns and mandated lockdowns. In the Sonoma Coast the grape vines woke up early and demanded their normal attention anyway. Work in the vineyards proceeded with smaller crews that practiced social distancing and wore facial coverings. Summer wild fires threatened many vineyards and hard decisions were made not to pick several vineyard blocks. We kept our focus on producing the highest quality wine. In 2020, the Gap's Crown Chardonnay grapes were picked in mid-September at optimal maturity. The blocks were harvested at night and gently whole-cluster pressed first thing in the morning. The juice was fermented in French oak barrels at low temperature to maintain delicate aromatics. The resulting wine offers focus and tension on the palate.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Chardonnay
- Pressed whole-cluster
- Fermented in French oak barrels
- 85% malolactic fermentation
- Native yeast
- 30% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered
- Bottled August 2021

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.53
- TA: 5.9 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2022
- Retail price: \$45
- 150 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.