



2020 Pinot Noir Russian River Valley



THE VINEYARDS

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir is a blend of five vineyards and several clones. This wine showcases the beautiful expression of Pinot noir when grown in the cool climate and loamy soils offered within the Russian River Valley. Wohler Vineyard Pinot noir provides classic Russian River Valley characteristics from its site adjacent to the river. Riddle Vineyard, located in Green Valley, provides complexity and nuance. Bucher Vineyard, near Rochioli, adds rich structure and fresh fruit flavors. A small proportion of the renowned Reuling Vineyard balances out the blend with earthy notes and silky tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2020 was a challenging year 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 impacted many vineyards and hard decisions were made not to pick several vineyard blocks. We kept our focus on producing only the highest quality wine and only picked grapes and made wines that met our standards and that we were proud of. As a result, we bottled only a small quantity of Pinot noir that showed exceptional vintage quality. We fermented each vineyard block of our Russian River Valley grapes separately in small lots to retain subtle differences and add complexity in the final blend. Each lot was aged in high-quality French oak barriques for 11 months prior to bottling. The 2020 vintage offers layers of delicate red fruit flavors and a smooth medium-bodied texture.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2021

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.63
- TA: 5.8 g/L
- Release date: Summer 2021
- Retail price: \$45
- 450 cases produced
- AVA: Russian River Valley

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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.

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