



# 2020 Pinot Noir Walala Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



## THE VINEYARD

Walala Vineyard possesses a breathtaking ridgeline that sits 1,200 feet above sea level, just inland from the Pacific Ocean near the coastal town of Annapolis. The maritime climate of this vineyard marks the extreme western edge of Pinot noir wine growing with success being determined by precise viticulture. The site's gravelly loam soils provide an excellent foundation for clones 113, 115 and 828 that are planted on 3309C and Riparia Gloire rootstocks. This vineyard allows long hang time due to its close proximity to the coast, while the elevation gives the vines ample sunlight in which to ripen.

## 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. The individual Walala Vineyard blocks were vinified and aged separately. Clone 828 was fermented whole-cluster to add verve and complexity. The blended wine offers balance and depth, displaying exceptional structure and tropical nuances.

## FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (5% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
- Bottled September 2021

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.69
- TA: 5.6 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2022
- Retail price: \$69
- 475 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.

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