



FALL 2022
WINE RELEASE
& NEWSLETTER



"Life is but a Sojourn. Enjoy the best of it." — Plato



Try Our Bubbles!

We are pleased to announce the inaugural release of our Brut Sparkling wine. This Brut (dry) wine was produced via Méthode Champenoise, the traditional method by which Champagne is made, in which the wine is fermented a second time in bottle. Its lively palate of crisp lemon, juicy apple and toasty brioche pairs perfectly with festive occasions, including the start of a new harvest.

Santé!

The harvest season is always an exciting time in wine country, and we have some exciting announcements to share with you this fall:

- Two brand-new single-vineyard Pinot noir wines
- Introduction of our inaugural Brut Sparkling wine
- Plans underway to redevelop the historic Ravenswood winery site to be the new home of Sojourn Cellars
- The return of Sherrie Perkovich to the Sojourn team after her two-year sojourn in France

In 2021 we added several new vineyards to our portfolio with the capacity to produce single vineyard wines of exceptional quality and distinction. In this release, we are happy to share two of these 2021 vintage Pinot noir wines. One is the old fan-favorite Silver Eagle Vineyard, located near Occidental in the West Sonoma Coast. The other is from Nightwing Vineyard, located just south of Gap's Crown Vineyard in the Petaluma Gap region of the Sonoma Coast.

This release also features three 2020 Pinot noir wines from Ridgetop and Riddle Vineyards, and our appellation

blend from the Russian River Valley. We made only small quantities of these three wines, and they will sell out quickly with limited allocations. We are also showcasing 2020 Chardonnays from Reuling and Durell Vineyards. Both refreshing wines are rich and expressive, with layers of texture.

Our two 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon wines from Oakville are also being released. 2019 was a phenomenal vintage in Napa Valley for Cabernet Sauvignon, producing elegant wines with depth and structure, ideal for cellaring.

THANK YOU very much for your continued support of our boutique artisan winery. We look forward to seeing everyone in Sonoma, in a town near you, or in your home for a virtual wine tasting. Let's raise a glass of sparkling and toast to a great harvest!

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SOJOURN CELLARS FALL 2022 WINE RELEASE

PINOT NOIR

2020 Ridgetop Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

As the name indicates, this vineyard is located high on a ridge in the remote coastal mountains just miles from the Sonoma coastline. The vines produced miniscule yields again in 2020, resulting in a wine with concentrated flavors, provocative aromatics, and silky texture. Tropical fruit flavors and burnt orange notes create a distinctive personality for this wine. It offers deep, rich flavors with complexity at its core. This Pinot noir wine is produced from Dijon clones 777, 667 and 115, which are desired for generous fruit flavors and age worthy tannins. "I adore the nose - rich, decadent, and bold. Medium-plus acidity, round and plush tannins, medium to full body and lengthy savory finish complete the wine."

– *International Wine Report*

Rated 94 Points

2020 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Riddle Vineyard is located near Occidental in a rugged section of the West Sonoma Coast. It is a pleasure to visit, as the vines are kept tidy and the views across the foggy valley are breathtaking. James Riddle gives each vine special attention, clipping shoots to the wires to maximize sun exposure and making several passes through the vines to keep only the top quality grapes. Mt. Eden clone provides a foundation of robust berry flavors and rich, silky texture. Clone 115 and a small lot of Pommard clone were blended in to balance the 2020 vintage wine. The resulting wine offers intriguing bramble berry fruit flavors, bright concentration and silky tannins that lengthen the finish.

Rated 96 Points

2021 UV Silver Eagle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

We are thrilled to offer a return of the Sojourn Silver Eagle Vineyard Pinot Noir. This is a world-class coastal vineyard located near Occidental within the West Sonoma Coast. It was developed in 2006 by the late Ulises Valdez, known as one of the best vineyard managers in the region. It is an extraordinary vineyard site. Sojourn produced a highly acclaimed single vineyard Pinot noir from Silver Eagle through 2013 and our winemaking team jumped at the opportunity to work with key blocks in the vineyard again. Calera clone of Pinot noir forms the foundation of this wine, with Pommard and a suitcase Vosne-Romanée clone blended in. This wine offers extraordinary depth and complexity, aromas of red and blue fruit, Asian spice and a touch of earth.

NEW - Early Access



2020 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

Our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir offers rich cherry flavors with hints of cola. It reminds us why this appellation is preferred by many for growing exceptional Pinot noir that is favored by connoisseurs. This 2020 vintage wine blends lots from several unique blocks, with Bucher and Riddle Vineyards comprising the core. In 2020, we also included a block from Dorothy Cameron Vineyard to provide an additional layer of dark fruit and richness. It contributes depth to the red fruit profiles and lush textures. The resulting blend offers freshness and balance. Expressive aromatics greet your nose and lead to a silky texture and long finish.

Rated 94 Points

2021 Nightwing Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Nightwing Vineyard is located at 1,200 feet elevation on a windy mountainside at the eastern edge of the Petaluma Gap within the cool Sonoma Coast appellation. The vineyard gets its name primarily from the variety of winged creatures that come alive as the sun sets. Sojourn's vineyard blocks were planted in 2017 to Pommard clone as well as Dijon clones 115, 667, and 828. The Pommard clone provides a deep, rich core of bold fruit, with the others adding layers of complexity and balance. This vineyard is meticulously farmed by the same team that farms nearby Gap's Crown Vineyard. 2021 was our first vintage making wine from this exceptional young vineyard destined to become an icon of the region. We are thrilled to share this inaugural bottling with you.

NEW - Early Access

CHARDONNAY

2020 Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

Reuling is a renowned vineyard located between Graton and Forestville that has produced some of the highest rated Chardonnay wines of all time. Our 2020 Chardonnay is distinctive, with wonderful savory notes overlaying a rich fruit core and silky body. A unique "suitcase" Montrachet clone provides the magic, resulting in impressively complex flavors and texture. "This wine offers flavors of spiced baked apple that show hints of nutmeg and clove on a sleek, juicy frame that carries the weight and richness effortlessly, with hints of buttery pastry and lighter, fresher accents of crisp lemon, yuzu and grated ginger."

– *Wine Spectator*

Rated 94 Points

2020 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

We have been impressed with how consistently Durell Vineyard has produced wines of exceptional quality and character each vintage. It is simply reliable. Historically, Durell has been the source behind some of the most sought-after Chardonnay wines in California. We feel fortunate to work with two outstanding vineyard blocks that combine to make a complex and distinctive wine. These blocks have formed the Sojourn Durell Chardonnay since 2012. Both are 100% Old Wente clone, one at the top of the hill and the other in an old rocky creek bed. This 2020 vintage wine offers deep aromas of citrus fruit and apple, with a layer of minerality and fresh acidity that keeps the wine light on the palate.

Rated 94 Points

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2019 Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Oakville Ranch Vineyard has become one of the most sought-after vineyards by Napa winemakers for top quality Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a rugged 330-acre estate tucked into a rocky shelf overlooking Screaming Eagle. Sojourn sources from three distinct blocks that combine to create a balanced wine with outstanding aging potential. It is farmed organically by the esteemed Phil Coturri in red, volcanic soils on steep inclines. We were fortunate to receive a 97 point rating on the exceptional 2019 vintage of this wine. The vineyard excelled in 2019 and the resulting wine is a collector's treat, offering tremendous depth and aromatic intensity.

Rated 97 Points

2019 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

In 2019 we produced Cabernet Sauvignon from three vineyards in Oakville to create this robust and generous Cabernet Sauvignon. This blend is dominated by Oakville Ranch Vineyard. Located in the hills among famous neighbors Dalla Valle, Pedregal and Backus vineyards, Oakville Ranch produces powerful, rich, structured wines. Cabernet Sauvignon wines from two other vineyards along Skellenger Lane were blended in to add expressive fruit character and lush tannins. The resulting wine offers layers of dark red and blue fruit flavors with hints of cocoa and dried herbs. This is a rich and vibrant wine that can be enjoyed now, yet will age for 15+ years.

Rated 94 Points



EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FROM SOJOURN CELLARS

- 🎁 **Magnums & large formats** set a dramatic tone at any table and are available in limited quantities. Please contact us for our current inventory.
- 🎁 **Create a one-of-a-kind bottle of wine.** Etch a custom logo or unique message on a bottle of wine. Create your own private wine label.
- 🎁 Enjoy a **virtually guided tasting event** led by one of our knowledgeable and engaging Wine Educators. A great way to connect with friends, clients, colleagues and team members.
- 🎁 **Custom wooden boxes** filled with your choice of wines – boxes can be used for display, cellaring or handsome gift packaging. Fully customizable, call to place your order.



SOJOURN SILVER EAGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR IS BACK!

We previously produced a highly acclaimed single vineyard Pinot noir from Silver Eagle through 2013, and our winemaking team jumped at the opportunity to work with the vineyard again when key blocks became available. It is a first-class coastal vineyard located near Occidental within the West Sonoma Coast. Its cool climate and Sebastopol series rocky clay loam soils naturally control vigor, resulting in small, concentrated berries. The Calera clone forms the foundation of this Pinot noir, with Pommard and a suitcase Vosne-Romanée clone rounding out the blend. Cool coastal breezes and fog work in tandem to limit yields and achieve excellent balance and concentration.

In 2006, the late Ulises Valdez, a top Sonoma Coast vineyard manager, planted the vineyard. Mark Aubert helped Ulises develop this site into a world-class vineyard that has become increasingly sought after. Our 2021 vintage Pinot noir offers extraordinary depth and complexity, aromas of red and blue fruit, Asian spice and a touch of earth.

At a Glance:

- Pinot Noir Clones: Calera, Pommard and Vosne-Romanée
- Rootstock: 3309, 420C
- Planted: 2006
- Soil Type: Sebastopol series rocky clay loam

INTRODUCING NIGHTWING VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Nightwing is an extraordinary young vineyard with potential to match or surpass the neighboring, renowned Gap's Crown Vineyard. Nightwing is located at 1,200 feet elevation on a windy mountainside at the eastern edge of the Petaluma Gap within the cool Sonoma Coast appellation. The vineyard gets its name from the variety of winged creatures, including herons and bats, that come alive as the sun sets over the vines. The name is also a nod to the land's owner, a former WWII pilot, who built an active landing strip on the site.

Nightwing is home to 44 acres of Pinot noir divided into small blocks on various slopes and rootstocks. Sojourn's four blocks were planted in 2017 to Pommard clone as well as Dijon clones 115, 667, and 828. The Pommard clone provides a deep, rich core, with the others adding layers of complexity and robust fruit flavors. The vineyard is meticulously farmed by Atlas Vineyard Management, the same team that farms Gap's Crown, Walala and Durell Vineyards.

At a Glance:

- Pinot Noir Clones: Pommard and Dijon clones 115, 667 and 828
- Rootstock: 101-14, 3309C, and Riparia Gloire
- Planted: 2017
- Soil Type: Goulding-Toomes Complex and Goulding cobbly clay loam

PURCHASING OUR WINES

The best way to acquire our wines is to purchase them directly from the winery. Sojourn sells wine to our mailing list customers through release allocations. If you are not already a Sojourn list member, join now to get access to our wines.

Order Wine Online: www.sojourncellars.com

Join Our Mailing List: mailinglist@sojourncellars.com

VISIT US IN SONOMA

The Sojourn Tasting Salon is located in downtown Sonoma. Our guided tastings feature flights of Pinot noir, Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon wines presented in a side-by-side format. We encourage you to visit us in Sonoma as well as send us your friends, family, and business colleagues who will appreciate terroir-driven, artisanal winemaking.



LOBSTER MUSHROOM AND ROCK SHRIMP RISOTTO

Pair with Sojourn Cellars 2020 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

INGREDIENTS

Serves 6

6 cups chicken (or vegetable) broth
4 tablespoons olive oil
½ lb. lobster mushrooms, cleaned
and sliced one eighth inch thick
2 shallots, diced fine
1 ½ cups Carnaroli rice
½ cup dry white wine

1 lb. fresh rock shrimp, cleaned
3 tablespoons finely chopped chives
4 tablespoons butter
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Sea salt to taste
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

PREPARATION

In a saucepan, warm the broth over low heat. Warm 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large non-reactive saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir in the mushrooms and cook until soft, about 10 minutes. Remove mushrooms and their liquid and set aside.

Add 2 tablespoons olive oil to skillet and stir in the diced shallots. Cook about 1 minute, until they are translucent. Add the Carnaroli rice, stirring to coat with oil for about 1 minute. When the rice has taken on a pale, golden color, add wine, stirring constantly until the wine is fully absorbed. Add ½ cup broth to the rice and stir until the broth is absorbed. Continue adding broth ½ cup at a time, stirring now and again. After about 15 minutes, add the lobster mushrooms to the rice. Continue adding broth ½ cup at a time, stirring continuously, until the liquid is absorbed, and the rice is al dente.

Add rock shrimp and cook through, about 2-3 minutes more. Remove from heat. Add chives and parmesan. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Put in serving bowls and sprinkle Parmesan and snipped chives on top.



AT VINTNERS RESORT

*Recipe courtesy of
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