

## 2022 PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**THE VINEYARD** 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 and UV Laguna Vineyards balance out the blend with intense aromas, earthy notes and silky tannins.

WINEMAKER NOTES A warm 2022 summer brought one of the earliest harvests on record in the Sonoma Coast, with a September heat wave influencing some picking decisions. Cooler pockets of the Sonoma Coast fared well through the heat and the resulting wines offer depth and finesse. Yields were miniscule, with many vineyards breaking records on the low side for cluster weights. The resulting wines have concentrated flavors with tension and length. 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 and blended just before bottling. The 2022 vintage offers intense red fruit flavors and a smooth medium-bodied texture.

## **FERMENTATION & BOTTLING**

100% destemmed Pinot Noir Open-top fermentation Native yeast 50% new French oak Bottled unfined and unfiltered Bottled August 2023

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

pH: 3.69 TA: 5.6 g/L Release date: Fall 2024 Retail price: \$48 675 cases produced AVA: Russian River Valley

Alcohol: 14.2%

## TASTING SALON

141 E. Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476 707.938.7212 salon@sojourncellars.com sojourncellars.com A B O U T T H E W I N E R Y 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.