



THE VINEYARD Walala Vineyard resides on 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 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. The individual Walala Vineyard blocks were vinified and aged separately. In 2022, Clone 113 offered wonderful fruit and deep flavors to form the core. Clone 115 provided structure and length. Clone 828 was fermented whole-cluster to add verve and complexity. The blended wine offers balance and intensity, with exceptional structure and tropical nuances.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Pinot Noir (5% whole cluster)
Open-top fermentation
Native yeast
50% new French oak
Bottled unfinned and unfiltered
Bottled August 2023

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.66
TA: 5.7 g/L
Release date: Spring 2024
Retail price: \$75
525 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.

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