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WINE RELEASE NEWSLETTER

SAME MEMORABLE WINES
FRESH NEW LOOK



2024: AN EXCITING NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! Thank you for being such wonderful supporters of Sojourn Cellars. As we begin 2024, we reflect on what we have learned and experienced over the years and look to an exciting future. Last year we celebrated the 20th vintage of Sojourn wines. As we surpass this milestone, we are introducing a fresh new look and elevating our wine labels. The wines in our Spring Release all showcase our new labels that embrace the meaning of Sojourn with images of travel and adventure. We are excited to introduce the new look to you and hope you enjoy it as much as we do. Please let us know what you think of it.

What's in the bottle is the same great wine you are accustomed to. Our winemaking team remains unchanged, as does our commitment to crafting memorable wines from exceptional vineyards in Sonoma and Napa Valley. This release includes new vintages of our most popular Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines from the Sonoma Coast. It is headlined by our 2022 Gap's Crown, Sangiacomo and Walala Vineyard Pinot Noir wines, all recently rated 96 points. These wines offer robust flavors and exceptionally layered textures. 2022 was one of the earliest and lightest harvests we have experienced, resulting in concentrated wines with depth and nuance.

This Spring Release also showcases 2021 vintage Cabernet Sauvignon wines from Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III and our Home Ranch Cuvée. 2021 was one of the best growing seasons of recent times in Napa Valley and we are thrilled to release these wines from such an outstanding vintage. The weather was ideal in 2021, allowing us to achieve optimal ripeness while retaining natural acidity in the Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. This is a collector's vintage, with impressive structure and intensity.

Thank you again for your continued support of our artisan winery. Our small, yet steady team appreciates you and we enjoy sharing our wines and stories with you. We look forward to seeing you again in 2024 either on the road, in the Sojourn Tasting Salon or in a virtual wine tasting online.

Cheers from Sonoma!

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SOJOURN CELLARS SPRING 2024 WINE RELEASE

PINOT NOIR

2022 Gap's Crown Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Gap's Crown has matured into one of the finest Pinot Noir vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. Our wines from Gap's Crown have consistently offered exceptional depth and intensity, attributed to vine stress caused by the site's steep slopes and rocky soils. This 2022 Pinot Noir is one of the best we have produced from this vineyard. It showcases exceptional balance with robust blue fruit flavors, hints of baking spice, and layers of texture. We fermented the 828 clone whole-cluster, adding verve to the concentrated fruit flavors of clones 115 and 667.

Rated 96 Points

2022 Walala Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Walala Vineyard resides at 1,200-foot elevation just miles from the ocean in the northern Sonoma Coast. Cool coastal breezes and thick fog helped the grapes mature evenly through the September heat wave. 2022 was a drought vintage that offered only miniscule yields, with small clusters and tiny berries. We were only able to produce a small quantity of this exceptional Pinot Noir. It offers layers of red fruit aromas with tropical notes. Clone 113 provided robust flavors while clones 115 and 828 added structure and complexity. We fermented the clone 828 whole cluster.

Rated 96 Points

2022 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Our Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir is produced from a vineyard on Roberts Road just southwest of Gap's Crown Vineyard. It sits in an old creek bed with extremely rocky soils that stress the vines, resulting in deep, concentrated wines. This Pinot Noir has been our flagship since 2004. In 2022, our blocks of clone 115 and Mt. Eden combined with harmony and balance. Swan clone was blended in, adding flavor complexity and layers of texture. This elegant wine offers intoxicating aromas of dark red fruits and hints of forest floor.

Rated 96 Points

2022 Rodgers Creek Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Rodgers Creek Vineyard sits on a ridge in the teeth of the windy Petaluma Gap. Its cool climate and steep slopes are well suited for growing exceptional Pinot Noir. The 2022 vintage provided small clusters and tiny berries, resulting in a deep, concentrated wine. However, we produced only a small quantity due to low vineyard yields. This Pinot Noir offers layers of red fruit flavors with notes of earth and mushrooms. Pommard is the dominant clone, blended with clone 667. We fermented 25% of the grapes whole cluster, adding body and complexity.

Rated 94 Points

2022 Petaluma Gap Pinot Noir

The Petaluma Gap is a highly regarded wine appellation defined by sustained winds and cool, foggy weather patterns that create an ideal environment for growing world-class Pinot Noir. We have made wine from this region since 2004 and three years ago began producing a special blend to showcase the exceptional character of its Pinot Noir. Our 2022 blend showcases Sangiacomo and Gap's Crown Vineyards as well as dedicated blocks from Nightwing and Ueberroth Vineyards. The resulting blend offers a wonderful mix of red and blue fruit aromas, deep flavors, and a silky texture.

Rated 93 Points

2022 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir

Sonoma Coast vineyards produced small clusters with tiny berries in 2022, resulting in intense Pinot Noir wines. The yields were miniscule, so we could only produce a small quantity of these exceptional wines. Our Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir is a blend of eight vineyards spread across the AVA from Annapolis in the north, to Occidental in the west, and down to the southern tip of the Petaluma Gap. This 2022 blend offers intense aromas of red fruits and earthy notes, leading to layers of texture and refreshing acidity. At only \$45, this wine delivers outstanding value.

Rated 93 Points

CHARDONNAY

2022 Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

This 2022 vintage Chardonnay is a blend of Sangiacomo's Roberts Road and Green Acres vineyard blocks, combining the depth and concentration of Old Wente clone with the fresh fruit and acidity of clone 95. We fermented each block separately and also co-fermented a portion from each block to create layers of complexity in this final vineyard-designate Chardonnay. This wine reflects the cool climate, well-draining soils, and the meticulous farming of the Sangiacomo family. It offers a compelling mix of citrus and stone fruit aromas with focused acidity and smooth texture.

Rated 95 Points

2022 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay

The small clusters of the 2022 vintage allowed us to make Chardonnays with appealing intensity, balance, and nuance. Our Sonoma Coast Chardonnay showcases three of the top vineyards in the region – Sangiacomo, Durell, and Gap's Crown – with the goal of creating a cuvée that illustrates the varietal's exceptional character across the region. We picked and fermented each component of this blend separately and aged them all for 11 months in 30% new French oak barrels. The resulting blend offers compelling new world aromas with fresh acidity and focus, reminiscent of the old world.

Rated 93 Points

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2021 Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, Rutherford

2021 was an exceptional vintage in Napa Valley with ideal weather conditions leading to optimal ripening for Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. We were able to allow the grapes ample hang time for complex flavor development, while keeping sugars at a reasonable level and retaining excellent natural acidity. Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III performed very well in 2021 due to favorable weather conditions and meticulous farming. This is an intense Cabernet Sauvignon with depth and concentration, offering explosive dark fruit aromas. It is a collector's vintage that will stand out in any cellar.

Rated 96 Points

2021 Home Ranch Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma Valley

This wine is a blend of three Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, with our Home Ranch Vineyard forming the foundation of rich blue fruit flavors and silky tannins. Home Ranch was planted by Sojourn founder Craig Haserot in 2002 and is in the southwest corner of Sonoma Valley. To create this 2021 vintage cuvée, we blended in Cabernet Sauvignon from two neighboring vineyards. Each component was fermented separately and aged for 20 months in French oak barrels before blending. The resulting wine is a crowd pleaser, with intense fruit character and smooth tannins.

Rated 95 Points



VISIT US IN SONOMA!

We invite you to visit the Sojourn Tasting Salon in downtown Sonoma, which includes an elegant new member lounge. Our guided tastings feature flights of Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Chardonnay 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. We also offer curated virtual wine tasting experiences for individuals, groups and corporate events.

Email salon@sojourncellars.com to schedule.



INTRODUCING OUR FRESH NEW LOOK

Our wines have taken you on a sojourn for over 20 years, and now our labels, colors and imagery will do the same as we embrace the meaning of our name and continue our journey. Our new labels capture the essence of Sojourn, evoking feelings of travel and exploration. Here's what's new:

Our logo illustrates the sun. It is an invitation to soak in the rays, enjoy a sense of presence in the moment, and embark on your sojourn.

We've added photographs to the labels. This imagery represents moments in time and destinations on your journey. Each varietal features a different image. For our first vintage, our labels showcase imagery from around California. Each subsequent year we will venture into other destinations.

After two decades of monochromatic labels, we're introducing a refreshing color palate influenced by beautiful hues that surround us every day: the deep blue of the ocean, vibrant

green of the vineyards, brilliant gold of the sun, and rich terracotta and gray of the terroir. Each varietal will showcase one of these colors: Pinot Noir in blue, Cabernet Sauvignon in terracotta and Chardonnay in green. These colors will help differentiate them in your cellars.

In addition, we've distinguished our single vineyard wines from our AVA wines. Both will have the same image and color, but that is where the similarities end. Our vineyard designate labels are saturated in these lush colors with a beautiful gold foil highlight. The AVA wines include a splash of the color in the form of an archway. This archway represents a doorway into your journey through the California wine country terroir that defines our wines.

Open up a bottle and be swept away into another world full of possibilities, elegance and adventure. So, our question now is... how will you Sojourn in 2024?

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.

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PORK BELLY WITH PEANUT SAUCE AND TOMATO JAM (PB&J)

Makes 6 Servings

Pair with our 2022 Sangiacomo Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

PORK BELLY

1 pound skinless pork belly
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup kosher salt

Preparation

Cover pork belly with salt and sugar mixture and refrigerate overnight. Then, rinse the pork belly and roast in the oven at 350° Fahrenheit for 2 ½ hours. Let cool after cooking and slice.

TOMATO JAM

2 pints cherry tomatoes	1 teaspoon cumin
3 cups sugar	1 tablespoon jalapeño, minced and seeded
1 tablespoon lime juice	Salt to taste
1 teaspoon ginger minced	

Preparation

Combine all ingredients in a sauce pan and cook down until liquid is reduced by ⅓.

PEANUT SAUCE

1 cup peanuts
½ cup water
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
Salt to taste

Preparation

Combine all ingredients in blender and mix on high until smooth.

TO ASSEMBLE PB&J

Smear 1 tablespoon of peanut sauce onto the center of the plate. Place two pieces of brioche toast points on top. Place pork belly on top of toast and finish with tomato jam on top. Garnish with frisée.

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