



2022 Pinot Noir Nightwing Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

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. Its Gouling cobbly clay loam soils and steep slopes are well draining and well suited for growing world-class Pinot Noir. The vineyard gets its name from the variety of winged creatures 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 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.

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. Nightwing Vineyard was our first Pinot Noir pick on August 20th. In this 2022 vintage wine, the Pommard clone and clone 115 blocks formed the foundation, with a touch of clone 667 rounding out the blend. It is a robust wine with expressive aromatics and intensity. Silky tannins and earth notes from the Pommard balance the rich fruit and structure of the clone 115.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

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

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.60
- TA: 5.9 g/L
- Release date: Fall 2023
- Retail price: \$69
- 500 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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