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## HARVEST IS ONCE AGAIN UPON US

Greetings from Sonoma! Thank you very much for your continued support of our artisan winery. The 2024 harvest is almost upon us, and we are currently finalizing blends for our upcoming bottling of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines from the 2023 harvest. During this time, our mornings are spent monitoring vineyards and sampling grapes. It is a busy time in wine country, filled with excitement and anticipation for the swiftly approaching grape harvest.

We are thrilled to introduce our most limited production wines in our 2024 Fall Wine Release, including small-lot bottlings of 2022 Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines from the Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley. 2022 offered miniscule yields with small berries, resulting in wines of tremendous depth and intensity. Additionally, this release features two Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon wines from the highly coveted 2021 vintage, which is regarded as a top collector's vintage for wines from Napa Valley.

The beautiful 95-point rated 2022 UV Silver Eagle Vineyard Pinot Noir from the Sonoma Coast headlines the Fall Release, along with neighboring Riddle and Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir wines. This release also includes our Wohler Vineyard and Russian River Valley Pinot Noir wines that showcase the unique terroir and strong character of the Russian River Valley appellation.

Two 2022 Chardonnay wines from the highly coveted Reuling and Durell Vineyards are also in our Fall Release. These wines hail from distinctive, iconic vineyards and are rated 96 and 95 points, respectively.

Cabernet Sauvignon fans will be rewarded in this Fall Release with two wines from Oakville in Napa Valley. Our 2021 Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon was recently rated 96+ Points by Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*. This is our last vintage making wine from this stunning organic vineyard, and we are very proud of the balance, intensity, and aging potential of this Cabernet Sauvignon. It belongs in your cellar!

We debuted our elevated new label designs in January, and the wines in this release complete our launch of the new labels for our core portfolio. Keep an eye out for one last new label design with the launch of our brand-new sparkling Blanc de Blancs to enjoy for the holidays later this year.

Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to hosting you on your next trip to Sonoma or seeing you on the road as we visit cities across the country.

- The Sojourn Team

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## PINOT NOIR

### 2022 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

This Pinot Noir offers exceptional structure and aging potential with intense bramble berry fruit flavors. Yields were low in 2022 with vines producing only light grape clusters and small berries. The resulting wine has a high level of concentration and depth. The cooling coastal influence allowed the vines to flourish during the September heat wave, providing ideal ripening conditions. Mt Eden clone performed very well in 2022 and forms the foundation of this wine. Clones 115 and Pommard were blended in, creating additional layers of complexity and texture. Collectors will be rewarded by cellaring this wine.

*Rated 96 Points*

### 2022 UV Silver Eagle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Silver Eagle is one of our favorite vineyards and headlines the 2024 Fall Wine Release. This 2022 vintage Pinot Noir is a stunning wine offering expressive red and orange fruit aromas with balanced structure. The vineyard resides in a cool section of the western Sonoma Coast near the town of Occidental. It was developed in 2006 by the late Ulises Valdez, known as one of the best vineyard managers in the region. The Valdez Family continues to care for the vineyard with focus and precision. Calera clone of Pinot Noir forms the foundation of this wine, with Pommard and a suitcase Vosne-Romanée clone blended in. It offers extraordinary depth and complexity. We only made 250 cases, so allocations are limited.

*Rated 95 Points*

### 2022 Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir is a favorite among the Sojourn team members. It offers a complex range of red and dark fruit aromas with hints of earth and savory herbs. The vineyard's unique terroir and collection of suitcase clones produce grapes with distinctive qualities. The vines were planted in 2000 under the direction of Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery. They are perched on a small sandy hillside with gentle slopes. The vineyard benefits from the cool marine influences converging from the coast, yet is exposed to the sun and afternoon heat, allowing the grapes to reach optimal maturity. This 2022 Pinot Noir opens with complex dark cherry and berry aromas with hints of mushroom, truffle and Herbes de Provence.

*Rated 95 Points*



### 2022 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

With a 94-point rating from Wine Spectator and 95 points from Owen Bargreen, we expect this wine to sell out quickly. 2022 was an exceptional vintage for Wohler Vineyard. We were able to pick small exposed sections of the vineyard before a heat wave, while letting the cooler sections hang longer and gain complexity. These smaller picks allowed the grapes to achieve optimal ripeness in each section. The resulting wine showcases the best of what this vineyard, and its well-draining Goldridge Series soils, can offer. This blend of Pinot Noir clones 667, 828, and Wädenswil 2A offers layers of red fruits and earthy tones with a deep silky texture.

*Rated 95 Points*

### 2022 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

This wine vividly expresses the unique terroir of the Russian River Valley, with intense red fruit aromas and silky tannins. In 2022, we combined wines primarily from four outstanding vineyards to produce this beautiful appellation blend. Bucher Vineyard, near Rochioli, offers deep fruit flavors and rich texture. UV Laguna Vineyard adds a layer of blue fruit and intensity. Wohler Vineyard, residing adjacent to the river, provides red fruit and earthy notes. Riddle Vineyard, located in Green Valley, adds structure and complexity. With lower yields came excellent concentration and structure. This Pinot Noir is fresh and balanced with expressive layers of red fruit aromas that lead to a lush finish.

*Rated 93 Points*

## CHARDONNAY

### 2022 Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

We are impressed each vintage with the consistency of Reuling Vineyard and the rich, savory character of this Chardonnay. It is distinctive and a pleasure to drink. Reuling Vineyard is located just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville. It is perched on a small sandy hillside and benefits from the cool marine influences converging from the coast. Our block of Chardonnay is planted to a unique “suitcase” Montrachet clone, which sets it apart from other vineyards in the region. Its complex flavors inspire your imagination. Beautiful stone fruit aromas greet the nose, with hints of savory herbs and floral notes adding to the intrigue. The texture is rich and full bodied, yet it finishes with balanced acidity and tension.

*Rated 96 Points*

### 2022 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

We are fortunate to work with two outstanding Durell Vineyard Chardonnay blocks that blend with synergy and result in exceptional wines each vintage. These two blocks of Old Wente clone Chardonnay have formed the Sojourn Durell Chardonnay since 2012. The 2022 vintage offered lower yields and the Chardonnay berries were tiny and sparse, leading to greater intensity in the wine. We picked the blocks about a week apart. Both blocks were picked at night to retain freshness and allow us to extract only the highest quality juice. This wine offers a unique combination of apple and citrus fruit aromas with layers of minerality. It is expansive yet balanced, with great acidity, firm structure, and a long finish.

*Rated 95 Points*

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### 2021 Oakville Ranch Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Oakville, Napa Valley

Oakville Ranch Vineyard is a rugged 330-acre estate tucked into a rocky shelf overlooking Screaming Eagle and other icons of Napa Valley. It is one of the most sought-after sites for world-class Cabernet Sauvignon by Napa Valley’s elite winemakers. These vines are farmed organically by esteemed vineyard manager Phil Coturri. This vineyard’s red, volcanic soils are well draining as the vines grow on steep inclines. The moderate weather in 2021 allowed us to slowly ripen each of our three blocks in optimal conditions. Extended hang time resulted in complex flavor development while retaining natural acidity. This Cabernet Sauvignon offers tremendous depth, finesse and aromatic intensity.

*Rated 96+ Points*

### 2021 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Wine critics have proclaimed 2021 as one of the premier vintages in Napa Valley. In 2021 we blended wines from Oakville Ranch Vineyard with two blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon grown on Skellenger Lane to produce this balanced and complex Oakville appellation blend. Oakville Ranch Vineyard is in the hills among famous neighbors Dalla Valle, Pedregal and Backus vineyards. It produces powerful, rich, structured wines. The other two vineyards add generous blue fruit flavors and rich lush tannins to balance out the powerful mountain structure of Oakville Ranch Vineyard. The resulting wine is rich and vibrant, offering vivid flavors of blackberry, raspberry, cassis and mocha.

*Rated 95 Points*

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## OAKVILLE - TWO MILES OF EXCELLENCE

In the very heart of the Napa Valley lies the town of Oakville. Once a steam train stop in the late 1800s, the Oakville name is now synonymous with excellence in grape growing. It possesses a unique combination of soil, topography and climate that join together, creating an environment that makes Oakville a viticultural treasure.

The Oakville AVA (American Viticultural Area) is an officially demarcated two-mile-wide swath of Napa Valley that extends to 1,000 feet in elevation in the Vaca Mountains to the east and 500 feet in elevation in the Mayacamas Mountains to the west. Within this small district you will find the greatest concentration of Napa Valley's preeminent Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards.

Oakville produces unique fruit with its signature red volcanic soil, resulting in rich, powerfully structured wines that make this AVA one of the most sought-after in California for Cabernet Sauvignon. Today, the region boasts more than 70 growers and wineries. Here you will find the names of prominent Oakville winegrowers like pioneers Robert Mondavi and Joseph Heitz, alongside "cult Cabernet" producers like Opus One, Harlan Estate and Screaming Eagle.

The star of this AVA, nestled on a rocky shelf 1,000 feet above Napa Valley, is Oakville Ranch Vineyard. It is a rugged 330-acre estate in the foothills of the Vaca Mountains on the eastern edge of Oakville. With only 68 acres of vineyard planted, it benefits from the cooling breezes of the Pacific Ocean and the warm, dry air of the Napa Valley. Sojourn sources Cabernet Sauvignon from three distinct blocks in the Oakville Ranch Vineyard that combine to create a balanced wine with outstanding aging potential.

The 2021 growing season offered optimal conditions in Napa Valley to harvest grapes of exceptional quality. Brief heat waves in August and September ripened the grapes to ideal maturity as the weather stayed dry until major rains arrived October 22<sup>nd</sup>, after our grapes were harvested. Yields were lower in 2021, with small berries and loose clusters creating wines of increased depth and concentration.

According to Sojourn winemaker Randy Bennett, "2021 was an exceptional vintage in Oakville, offering optimal conditions for growing world class Cabernet Sauvignon. The result is wine reflecting a clear sense of place and outstanding quality. Oakville is a beautiful oasis that we are fortunate to work with."

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# KOREAN RIBS WITH BACON AND MUSHROOM FRIED RICE

Makes 4 servings

Pair with our 2022 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir

Recipe courtesy of Todd Humphries  
Chef & Co-Founder, Kitchen Door  
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Prep Time: 1 hour + marinade

Cook Time: 15 minutes

## FRIED RICE INGREDIENTS

- ¼ cup rice or vegetable oil
- ¼ cup cooked bacon
- 2 tbsp ginger puree
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 1 cup sliced shiitake mushrooms or mushrooms of your choice
- ¼ cup finely diced blanched carrots
- ¼ cup thinly sliced blanched celery
- 2 cups cooked basmati rice
- 2 medium eggs, cracked and whisked
- ¼ cup fresh or frozen peas
- ¼ cup bean sprouts
- ¼ cup chicken stock
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- Salt to taste

## PREPARATION

1. Heat a twelve-inch non-stick or well-seasoned sauté pan over high heat.
2. Add oil and bacon, sauté for one minute. Add onions and cook for another minute until softened. Add mushrooms and cook until softened, shaking the pan to mix ingredients.
3. Add carrots and celery, cooking for another minute, then add the rice, sautéing until hot.
4. Make a well in the center of the rice, add the eggs, scramble, and mix into the rice.
5. Add peas and bean sprouts, cooking for another minute.
6. Add chicken stock and soy sauce to the pan, letting it reduce.
7. Taste and season with salt as needed.



Photo credit: Sarah Anne Risk

## KOREAN RIB INGREDIENTS

- 12 pieces Korean ribs, cut ¼ inch to ½ inch thick
- 1 ½ cups teriyaki sauce
- ¼ cup vegetable oil (for brushing ribs before grilling)
- 1 tbsp toasted sesame seeds (for garnish)
- ¼ cup finely sliced scallions
- Cilantro, washed (for garnish)

## PREPARATION

1. Marinate the ribs with about one cup of the teriyaki sauce. Pour the sauce into a tray, coat each rib on both sides, and stack the ribs in piles of three. Marinate for a few hours or up to a day before cooking.
2. Preheat the grill to high heat.
3. Drain any excess teriyaki sauce from the ribs and let them come to room temperature.
4. Lay the ribs on a clean tray and brush both sides with vegetable oil.
5. Grill the ribs for approximately 3 minutes per side, or until nicely browned.
6. After grilling, brush the ribs with the remaining teriyaki sauce and keep them warm while you prepare the fried rice.

## ASSEMBLY

Divide the rice onto four warm plates. Arrange the cooked ribs on top of the rice. Sprinkle sesame seeds over the ribs and rice. Then, add sliced scallions and a few sprigs of cilantro as a fresh garnish. Your dish is now ready to be served!