



2023 PINOT NOIR UV SILVER EAGLE VINEYARD SONOMA COAST



THE VINEYARD Silver Eagle Vineyard was developed in 2006 by the late, famed vineyard manager Ulises Valdez, and continues to be farmed by the Valdez family at the highest level of quality. The vineyard is located near the town of Occidental where coastal influences play a key role. Its cool climate and Sebastopol series rocky clay loam soils naturally control vigor, resulting in small, concentrated berries. We are honored to be working with two premier blocks within this extraordinary vineyard site. Calera clone of Pinot noir forms the foundation of this Pinot Noir and a special suitcase Vosne-Romanée clone is fermented separately and later blended with the Calera to produce a deep, textured wine with great natural acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES In 2023, plentiful winter rains took Sonoma out of a drought. A cool summer allowed the vines to ripen at an even pace and the weather stayed moderate during the growing season with periodic light rains. Harvesting started three weeks later than normal and Pinot Noir yields were above average. The cooler weather resulted in fresh natural acidity and firmer tannins, both good for cellaring. Grape phenolics ripened at lower sugar levels and the resulting 2023 Pinot Noirs are more “Burgundian” in nature. While 2023 yields were generally large, the clusters and berries were miniscule at Silver Eagle due to heavy fog during flowering. The resulting wine offers intense flavors and a silky texture with perfect tension. The cool 2023 weather resulted in a stunning vintage.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% destemmed Pinot Noir
Open-top fermentation
Native yeast
50% new French oak
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
Bottled August 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.2%
pH: 3.53
TA: 5.8 g/L
Release date: Fall 2025
Retail price: \$85
300 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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