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FALL INTO AUTUMN AS HARVEST NEARS

Happy Fall from Sonoma! This year the Sonoma Coast has enjoyed a mild growing season, providing the grapes with extra hang time to develop complex flavors and ripen to their full potential. We are watching the vineyards closely and sampling the grapes as we anticipate the start of harvest. In the winery, we are working on the final blends of the 2024 vintage Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines to prepare for bottling. As harvest draws near, our excitement grows while we look forward to our busiest, yet favorite time of the year.

We are delighted to share our 2025 Fall Wine Release with you! This release includes our small-lot bottlings of Sonoma Coast and Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay wines from the 2023 vintage. We are also showcasing the stunning 2022 vintage of our two newest Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon wines from Atlas Peak.

In 2023, plentiful winter rains and a cool summer allowed the vines to produce above-average yields that ripened at an even pace, resulting in wines with fresh natural acidity and excellent structure for cellaring. The elegant 95-point rated 2023 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir from Russian River Valley is a standout in the Fall Release, alongside Sojourn fan favorites UV Silver Eagle, Reuling and Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir wines. Also featured is the popular Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, which beautifully expresses the distinct terroir of this beloved winegrowing region.

Our highly anticipated 2023 Durell and Reuling Vineyard Chardonnays are both rated 94 points, and they are also offered in this release. These two premier vineyards consistently produce Chardonnay wines of distinction.

We are thrilled to once again offer two Cabernet Sauvignon wines from the famed Atlas Peak AVA in Napa Valley. First, our 2022 Stagecoach Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon was recently rated 95+ points by Robert Parker's *The Wine Advocate*. We only produced 150 cases, so allocations are limited. Secondly, we present our 2022 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon, blended from Stagecoach and two smaller neighboring vineyards to together reflect the iconic mountain terroir that is a hallmark of this region.

Thank you for your continued support of our artisan winery. We are grateful to be able to share our wines with you each vintage, whether it's at the Sojourn Tasting Salon here in Sonoma or on the road at events around the country. We look forward to seeing you again soon and sharing memorable wine tasting experiences with you in the future.

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PINOT NOIR

2023 Wohler Vineyard Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley

Situated in the heart of the famed Russian River Valley, within sight of the Russian River and the historic Wohler Bridge, Wohler Vineyard combines climate and well-draining Goldridge series soils to provide an optimal environment for growing ultra-premium Pinot Noir. In 2023, we harvested in multiple passes, fermenting each block separately. The vintage's cooler weather resulted in bright flavors, balanced structure, and a silky lush texture. Clones 667 and 828 provided a core of rich red fruit, while the Wädenswil 2A component contributed hints of earth.

Rated 95 Points

2023 UV Silver Eagle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

This vineyard was developed in 2006 by the late Ulises Valdez, one of the best vineyard managers in the region. The Valdez Family continues to care meticulously for the vineyard, which sits in a cool area of the western Sonoma Coast near the town of Occidental. While yields in general were on the higher side in 2023, the clusters and berries were miniscule due to heavy fog during flowering. The small, concentrated berries resulted in a stunning wine with intense red and orange fruit flavors, a silky palate, and impeccable balance. Calera clone forms the core of the blend and is complemented by a special "suitcase" Vosne-Romanée clone, adding natural acidity and rich texture.

Rated 94 Points

2023 Riddle Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

Fresh natural acidity, ample structure and deep bramble berry flavors characterize this 2023 vintage Pinot Noir. The cool summer and moderate growing season allowed the vines to ripen at a steady pace, with longer hang times than we typically experience at Riddle Vineyard. These mild conditions resulted in a Pinot Noir that is more "Burgundian" in nature, with exceptional structure and aging potential. Mt Eden clone provides the richly textured core of this wine, while clone 115 contributes bold fruit and silky texture. The Pommard block balances the blend, providing fresh acidity and earthy notes.

Rated 94 Points



2023 Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir, Sonoma Coast

A Sojourn team favorite, this 2023 vintage Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir is a stellar expression of this exceptional vineyard site. Planted in 2000 under the direction of Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery, the vines reside on a small, gently-sloping hillside, bolstered by a combination of cool marine influences, exposure to the warm afternoon sun, and sandy Goldridge soils. This unique terroir allows the grapes to reach optimal maturity. The vines are planted to three clones: Calera and two distinct "suitcase" clones from the Vosne-Romanée region of Burgundy. The resulting wine is expressive and layered, offering a mix of dark berry and cherry fruit alongside savory herb and truffle notes.

Rated 94 Points

2023 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir

This wine showcases the beautiful expression of Pinot Noir when grown in the cool climate and loamy soils of the Russian River Valley. For our 2023 vintage, we blended five vineyards and several clones by selecting barrels from each distinct, separately fermented lot to create this elegant appellation wine. Wohler Vineyard provides classic red fruit and earthy notes from its site adjacent to the river. Riddle Vineyard, located in Green Valley, contributes nuance and complexity. Bucher Vineyard, located near Rochioli, adds structure and fresh fruit flavors. Small portions from the renowned Reuling and UV Laguna Vineyards balance the blend, lending intense aromas and silky tannins.

Rated 93 Points

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2022 Stagecoach Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

This legendary vineyard was originally planted in the late 1800s and rises to 1,750 feet elevation. Often described as “extreme terroir”, it is impressive due to its natural beauty, unique soils, and character of the wines it produces. With 600 acres planted, this is the largest contiguous vineyard in Napa Valley. Stagecoach is a supreme site for growing Cabernet Sauvignon due to the optimal growing conditions provided by its rocky, volcanic, well-draining soils. We made this wine from two premier blocks of Weimer and clone 15 that we ferment separately, then finished with a touch of Petit Verdot. The 2022 vintage is complex and harmonious, abounding with dark fruit and minerality.

Rated 95+ Points

2022 Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

Atlas Peak is located on the western slopes of the Vaca Mountains. Its history as a wine region began in the 1800s, but the Atlas Peak AVA was formally designated in 1992. In 2022, we crafted a balanced and complex Cabernet Sauvignon with fruit from Stagecoach Vineyard and two impressive smaller vineyards on Atlas Peak to showcase the terroir of this distinctive mountainside. The lots from Stagecoach provided a structured foundation, while the neighboring vineyards contributed notes of blue and dark fruit, dark chocolate, silky tannins and minerality. This final blend is a bold and richly layered Cabernet Sauvignon, and it brilliantly embodies the essence of the Atlas Peak appellation.

Rated 93 Points

CHARDONNAY

2023 Reuling Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

Vintage after vintage, Reuling Vineyard continues to delight us with its consistency in producing Chardonnay with a distinctive rich and savory character. It is situated on a small sandy hillside, just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville, where it benefits from the convergence of the cool marine influences from the coast. We craft our Chardonnay from a block that is planted to a unique “suitcase”

Montrachet clone, setting it apart from other vineyards in the region. In 2023, we picked the grapes from this single block of Montrachet clone at night and pressed them whole-cluster immediately in the morning. The cool vintage resulted in fresh aromatics, intense flavors, layers of complexity and perfect tension.

Rated 94 Points

2023 Durell Vineyard Chardonnay, Sonoma Coast

We are thrilled to work with two outstanding blocks of Chardonnay from the famed Durell Vineyard. These two blocks have produced the Sojourn Durell Chardonnay since 2012. Both blocks are planted to 100% Old Wente clone and combine with synergy to produce an intense Chardonnay with persistent structure. The older Hill block produces small clusters of hen and chick berries, providing extraordinary flavors, complexity and texture. The younger vines of the Barn block produce small yields of fruit with concentrated, lively and exotic characteristics. In 2023, we picked each block ten days apart and fermented them separately. This wine offers delightful notes of citrus and apple alongside refreshing minerality.

Rated 94 Points



VISIT US IN SONOMA!

The Sojourn Tasting Salon in downtown Sonoma includes our main tasting room, an outdoor garden, and an elegant 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, text 707.609.4302 or call 707.938.7212 to schedule a tasting.



JOURNEY TO THE EDGE OF THE EARTH

Located on the furthest western reaches of Sonoma County, you will find regions like West Sonoma Coast and Green Valley. These regions are made up of steep, rugged mountainous terrain along the Pacific Ocean coastline, and are planted with several varieties, mostly Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah.

Green Valley lies in the far southwestern part of the Russian River Valley, surrounded by the cities of Sebastopol, Forestville and Occidental. With 3,600 acres planted to grapes, it's very tightly delineated, both geographically and climatically, and is the most consistent of any North Coast appellation in terms of soil, climate and flavor. Green Valley's cool climate is the hallmark of this AVA. It is largely sheltered from wind, and while it isn't the first to receive the fog bank, once it's there, the fog lingers.

At Sojourn, we are fortunate to work with many impeccable growers with vineyards spanning the sprawling Sonoma Coast. In this release we are featuring three coastal influenced vineyards located in and around Green Valley.

UV SILVER EAGLE VINEYARD

This is a first-class coastal vineyard located near Occidental at the edge of the West Sonoma Coast. Its cool climate and Sebastopol series rocky clay loam soils naturally control vigor, resulting in small, concentrated berries. Cool coastal breezes and fog work in tandem to limit yields and achieve excellent balance and concentration. In 2006, the late Ulises Valdez, a top Sonoma Coast vineyard manager, planted the vineyard. Mark Aubert helped Ulises develop this site into a world-class vineyard that has become highly sought after.

Clones: Calera, Pommard, Vosne-Romanée
Rootstock: 3309, 420C
Planted: 2006
Soil Type: Sebastopol series rocky clay loam

REULING VINEYARD

Developed in 2000 by Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery, the site is one of the premier Pinot Noir and Chardonnay vineyards in California. It includes 12.2 acres of Pinot Noir planted to three unique clones—Calera and two distinct “suitcase” clones from the Vosne-Romanée region of Burgundy—and 2.2 acres of Chardonnay grown from cuttings from the Côte de Beaune. Perched on a small, gently sloping hillside, the vines benefit from the cool marine influence as well as exposure to the sun and afternoon heat that ripen grapes to optimal maturity. Sandy Goldridge soils naturally stress the vines, resulting in low yields and concentrated flavors.

Clones: La Tache, Romanée Conti, Vosne-Romanée, Calera, Montrachet
Rootstock: 3309
Planted: 2000
Soil Type: Goldridge fine sandy loam

RIDDLE VINEYARD

Riddle Vineyard is located on a ridge in Green Valley near the town of Occidental. At 750 feet above sea level, its gentle, north facing slopes overlook many of the iconic Pinot Noir vineyards of the region. Foggy mornings burn off early, and the vines are drenched in warm sun for most of the day. Planted in 2008 at a high density, the vine roots stretch deep into Goldridge soils, seeking out nutrients and water and developing complex flavors in the grapes. Riddle is planted to Pinot Noir clones 115, Pommard and the distinctive Mt Eden clone, taken as original bud wood from a prominent vineyard planted along California's Central Coast.

Clones: Dijon 115 & 828, Pommard, Mt Eden
Rootstock: 101-14, SO4
Planted: 2008
Soil Type: Goldridge fine sandy loam

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 three distinct release allocations. If you are not already a Sojourn list member, join now to get access to our wines.

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STELLA'S MORTADELLA MEATBALLS

Pair with our 2023 Reuling Vineyard Pinot Noir

Serves 4 as an appetizer, 2–3 as a main (makes 16-20 meatballs)

MEATBALL INGREDIENTS

- 8 oz (225 g) mortadella, cubed (substitute ham or prosciutto if mortadella is not available)
- 8 oz (225 g) ground pork (or beef/pork mix)
- ½ cup ricotta cheese
- ½ cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano
- ½ cup breadcrumbs (Italian-style or plain)
- 1 large egg
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- ½ tsp black pepper
- Salt, to taste (go easy—mortadella is salty)
- Pinch of nutmeg (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Pulse mortadella in a food processor until finely ground—almost like a paste.
2. In a large bowl, combine the mortadella, ground pork, ricotta, Parmigiano, breadcrumbs, egg, garlic, parsley, pepper, and optional nutmeg. Mix until everything is evenly combined, but don't overwork the meat.
3. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes to firm up the mixture.
4. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment or foil.
5. Form into meatballs, about golf ball size. Place on the baking sheet.
6. Bake for 18-22 minutes, or until golden and cooked through (internal temp 160°F/ 71°C).

MARINARA INGREDIENTS

- 5 tbsp fresh garlic, finely minced
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 3 cans (28 oz) of San Marzano crushed tomatoes (imported, D.O.P. certified if possible)
- 1 tbsp dried oregano

DIRECTIONS

1. In a medium pot over gentle heat, warm the olive oil and garlic together —no color. You're coaxing the garlic to perfume the oil, not fry it. Let it go for about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Once aromatic, fold in the crushed tomatoes, brown sugar, and oregano. Season lightly with salt. Stir deliberately and bring to a soft simmer. Cook uncovered for 30 minutes.
3. Ladle over serving of meatballs and add crushed pistachio as a garnish.



Recipe courtesy of Bryant Minuche, Chef de Cuisine of Stella, Kenwood, CA