

2015 Pinot Noir Gap's Crown Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



THE VINEYARD

Gap's Crown is situated on Roberts Road just above the Sangiacomo Vineyard. This is a high-end, hillside vineyard that is gaining acclaim. In 2015, our fruit came from three distinct blocks within this vineyard. The 828 block was planted in 2002 on 110R rootstock at 800 feet elevation. The 115 block was planted in 2005 on 3309 rootstock at 1,200 feet in extremely rocky soil. Both of these blocks have pure western exposure and benefit from the cool micro-climate of this site, as well as the natural stress created by the severity of the terrain in which these blocks are located. The 667 block has a northwest exposure and produces very small berries with dark purple coloring and loads of structure.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2015 vintage started with a bang – an unusually warm winter and dry spring promoted early bud-break, with severe drought conditions continuing throughout the entire growing season. Vines responded by producing loose clusters and smaller berries, with an abundance of flavor and ripe tannins. It was one of the earliest harvests on record with lower than average yields. The resulting wines display tremendous finesse, depth and aromatic intensity. Gap's Crown vineyard delivers strong phenolics each vintage, with dark velvety colors, robust tannins, and ample acidity. In 2015, tiny berries resulted in high levels of concentration. This wine is well–structured, layered, and built to age well. Clones 667 and 115 formed the base of the blend. A portion of clone 828 was fermented with stems and blended in, for an overall rate of 10% whole-cluster.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (10% whole cluster)
- · Open-top fermentation
- · Native veast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- · Bottled August 2016

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- · Alcohol: 14.6%
- pH: 3.47
- TA: 6.4 g/L
- Release date: Spring 2017
- · Retail price: \$69
- 775 cases produced
- AVA: Sonoma Coast

TASTING SALON

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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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