



THE VINEYARD Gap's Crown Vineyard has become one of the most iconic Pinot Noir vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. It was originally developed by Premier Pacific Vineyards between 2002 and 2005 and later purchased by Price Family Vineyards in 2013. In 2007, Sojourn Cellars became one of the first to make a vineyard-designate wine from Gap's Crown. Our clone 115 block, planted in 2005 on 3309 root stock at 800 feet elevation, has been the foundation for Sojourn since we began making Pinot Noir from this vineyard. Our clone 828 block was planted in 2002 on 420A root stock, and two clone 667 blocks round out the blend, both planted in 2004 on 3309 root stock. This hillside vineyard is situated on the western slope of Sonoma Mountain and is cooled by the persistent wind and fog of the Petaluma Gap.

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. 2023 is my favorite vintage yet from Gap's Crown due to its balanced structure and elegance. The cool weather allowed the grapes to mature with more balance. Our blocks of clone 667 offered small berries with deep flavors and silky tannins. Clone 115 from the top of the vineyard brought fresh red fruit and acidity while clone 828 was fermented whole cluster and added structure and earth notes.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Pinot Noir (15% whole cluster)
Open-top fermentation
Native yeast
50% new French oak
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
Bottled August 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.6%
pH: 3.62
TA: 6.0 g/L
Release date: January 2025
Retail price: \$85
1175 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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