



**THE VINEYARD** Lucky Well Vineyard was developed in 2008 by the late, famed vineyard manager Ulises Valdez, and continues to be farmed by the Valdez family at the highest level of quality. Ulises gave the vineyard its name in recognition of his luck finding a prolific well in an unexpected location on the property. The vineyard sits atop a knoll of Goldridge sandy-loam soils in the cool and foggy Green Valley Hills. Sojourn's blocks include Pommard clone on 101-14 and a distinctive suitcase Vosne-Romanée clone on 420A that blend harmoniously. The rows of Pommard clone run down a steep south east face and provide rich fruit character and full body, while the Vosne-Romanée block is perched on top of the ridge with less direct sunlight and provides exceptional structure with layers of dark red fruit flavors.

**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. In 2023, the weather conditions were ideal at Lucky Well Vineyard. We fermented a portion of the Vosne-Romanée clone whole cluster, adding verve and structure to the intense fruit. The Pommard clone offered depth and richness to create a balanced and complex Pinot Noir wine.

#### FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Pinot Noir (5% whole cluster)  
Open-top fermentation  
Native yeast  
50% new French oak  
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered  
Bottled August 2024

#### FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.5%  
pH: 3.45  
TA: 6.2 g/L  
Release date: Spring 2025  
Retail price: \$85  
350 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, Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay wines. We source fruit from celebrated vineyards in both Sonoma and Napa Valley, 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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