



THE VINEYARD Nightwing Vineyard is located at 1,200 feet elevation on a windy mountainside at the eastern edge of the Petaluma Gap within the cool Sonoma Coast appellation. Its Goulting cobbly clay loam soils and steep slopes are well draining and well suited for growing world-class Pinot Noir. The vineyard gets its name from the variety of winged creatures that come alive as the sun sets over the vines. The name is also a nod to the land's owner, a former WWII pilot, who built an active landing strip on the site. Nightwing is home to 44 acres of Pinot Noir divided into small blocks on various slopes and rootstocks. Sojourn's blocks were planted in 2017 to Pommard clone as well as Dijon clones 115 and 777. The Pommard clone provides a deep, rich core, with the others adding layers of complexity and robust 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. The Nightwing vines were perfectly balanced in 2023, and the grapes achieved optimal maturity. Pommard and 115 clones were again the foundation of the blend, with a touch of 777 rounding it out. The result is a rich Pinot Noir with silky tannins.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

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

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.4%
pH: 3.56
TA: 6.0 g/L
Release date: Spring 2025
Retail price: \$69
550 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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