

## 2023 PINOT NOIR PETALUMA GAP



**THE VINEYARD** This wine is a blend of several unique Pinot Noir lots produced from four prominent vineyards located within the Petaluma Gap AVA. Gap's Crown and Sangiacomo Vineyards have been the flagships for Sojourn Pinot Noir since 2004. Both vineyards have rocky, well-draining soils and have become icons of the Petaluma Gap. Younger blocks from Nightwing and Ueberroth Vineyards contribute additional layers and texture. Cool temperatures, foggy mornings, and windy afternoons define the region and make it ideal for growing exceptional Pinot Noir grapes. This wine combines the intensity and structure of rocky hillside vineyards with the elegance and creamy tannins of vineyards grown in sandy loam soils just below.

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. Blending the 2023 Petaluma Gap Pinot Noir was a delight. Gap's Crown and Sangiacomo Vineyards formed a base of deep fruit flavors and structure. Nightwing added intensity and silky tannins while the cooler Ueberroth Vineyard brought another layer of fresh acidity and earthy notes to the blend.

## FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

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

## **FINISHED WINE DETAILS**

Alcohol: 14.5% pH: 3.68 TA: 5.5 g/L Release date: Spring 2025 Retail price: \$54 815 cases produced AVA: Petaluma Gap

## TASTING SALON

141 E. Napa Street, Sonoma, CA 95476 707.938.7212 salon@sojourncellars.com sojourncellars.com **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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