



THE VINEYARD Rodgers Creek Vineyard is well-suited for Pinot Noir, sitting high on a ridge in the heart of the Petaluma Gap, and taking the full brunt of wind and thick fog that define this cool climate zone. A hillside block of Pommard Pinot Noir clone provides the foundation for this wine, with clone 667 adding a layer of bright fruit and lush textures. The vines grow in light, chalky volcanic ash soils on steep inclines. This causes natural vine stress and gives the wine high concentration levels. The combination of unique soils and dominance of the Pommard clone results in a distinctive wine with signature aromatic notes of earth and mushroom each vintage.

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. Rodgers Creek Vineyard benefited from 2023 winter rains, developing strong canopies that allowed the grapes to hang well into October. We fermented a portion of both the Pommard and 667 whole cluster and the stem inclusion added a nice verve to the layers of lush red fruit and mature tannins.

FERMENTATION & BOTTLING

100% Pinot Noir (20% whole cluster)
Open-top fermentation
Native yeast
50% new French oak
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
Bottled June 2024

FINISHED WINE DETAILS

Alcohol: 14.5%
pH: 3.64
TA: 6.0 g/L
Release date: January 2025
Retail price: \$59
925 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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