



THE VINEYARD Walala Vineyard resides on a breathtaking ridgeline that sits 1,200 feet above sea level, just inland from the Pacific Ocean near the coastal town of Annapolis. The maritime climate of this vineyard marks the extreme western edge of Pinot Noir wine growing with success being determined by precise viticulture. The site's gravelly loam soils provide an excellent foundation for clones 113, 115 and 828 that are planted on 3309C and Riparia Gloire rootstocks. This vineyard allows long hang time due to its close proximity to the coast, while the elevation gives the vines ample sunlight in which to ripen.

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 cool coastal weather in 2023 benefited Walala Vineyard. Each block ripened at an even pace, reaching optimal ripeness with ease and grace. The red fruits and tropical notes from clone 113 shine through in the blend, with clones 115 & 828 adding depth and structure. The 828 was fermented whole cluster.

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: 14.2%
pH: 3.66
TA: 5.9 g/L
Release date: January 2025
Retail price: \$75
700 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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