



# 2018 Pinot Noir Rodgers Creek Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



## 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. Two blocks of the Pommard Pinot noir clone provide the foundation for this wine, with clone 777 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

The 2018 Sonoma Coast vintage offered moderate weather, cool evening temperatures and a long, even growing season. The weather conditions were ideal and allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly over the course of summer and early fall. This allowed the grapes to gain flavor complexities and ripe tannins, while retaining natural acidity. The vineyards offered grapes of exceptional quality. Rodgers Creek Vineyard offered lower than average yields in 2018, unlike most of the vineyards in the Sonoma Coast. The resulting wine is concentrated and balanced. Two blocks of Pommard clone form 80% of the final blend, with earthy tones overlaying layers of red fruit flavors. A portion of the grapes were fermented whole cluster, adding aromatic complexity and structural verve.

## FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% Pinot noir (20% whole cluster)
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2019

## FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.2%
- pH: 3.69
- TA: 6.0 g/L
- Release date: January 2020
- Retail price: \$48
- 1,050 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, 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.

**Craig Haserot**  
*Proprietor*

**Erich Bradley**  
*Winemaker*

**Randy Bennett**  
*Associate Winemaker*