

# 2021 Pinot Noir

## Reuling Vineyard - Sonoma Coast



### THE VINEYARD

Reuling Vineyard is located in the Sonoma Coast AVA, just off Highway 116 between Graton and Forestville. Planted in 2000 under the direction of Mark Aubert and Peter Michael Winery, this vineyard is comprised of 12.2 acres of Pinot noir planted to three unique clones – Calera and two distinct “suitcase” clones from the Vosne–Romanée region of Burgundy. There are also 2.2 acres of Chardonnay on the property. The vineyard is perched on a small hillside with gentle slopes at an elevation of 250 feet. It benefits from the cool marine influences converging from the coast, yet is exposed to the sun and afternoon heat, allowing the grapes to reach optimal maturity. Its extremely sandy Goldridge soils naturally stress the vines, resulting in low yields and concentrated flavors.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2021 growing season offered optimal conditions in the Sonoma Coast to harvest grapes of exceptional quality. The air remained clear with no fires in Sonoma and pandemic lock downs ended. Our spirits were lifted and the grape harvest and wine quality benefited. Brief heat waves in August and September ripened the grapes to ideal maturity as the weather stayed dry until major rains arrived October 22, after our grapes were harvested. Yields were lower than average in 2021, with small berries and loose clusters creating wines of increased depth and concentration. All three Reuling Pinot noir clones were fermented separately before being blended just prior to bottling to showcase the complexity of the vineyard. The Reuling clusters were minuscule in 2021, resulting in more depth and intensity. The resulting wine is layered and expressive, offering a mix of red and dark fruit, floral and savory tones.

### FERMENTATION & BOTTLING DETAILS

- 100% de-stemmed Pinot noir
- Open-top fermentation
- Native yeast
- 50% new French oak
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered
- Bottled August 2022

### FINISHED WINE DETAILS

- Alcohol: 14.4%
- pH: 3.64
- TA: 5.9 g/L
- Release date: Summer 2023
- Retail price: \$75
- 325 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.