

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2009 PINOT NOIR

### *Nobles Vineyard*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and J. Davies Estate in Napa Valley is pleased to release its first still wines made from Pinot Noir. The family's experience with Pinot Noir dates back to 1967, when Jack and Jamie Davies first used this elegant red varietal to make their inaugural vintage of Blanc de Noirs sparkling wine. Over the 44 years following that first use, Schramsberg's winemakers have built long-lasting relationships with some of the best Pinot Noir growers in the North Coast. Developing upon this passion, history, and experience, second-generation vintner Hugh Davies, winemaker Sean Thompson, and the Davies/Schramsberg team are proud to present three vineyard-designate Pinot Noir wines from the 2009 vintage.

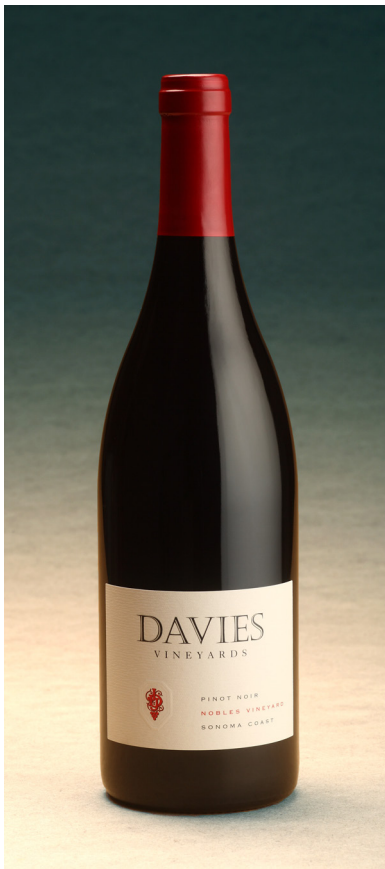
### The Vineyard

Nobles Vineyard produces richly layered Pinot Noir. It is located approximately 75 miles north of San Francisco, northeast of Fort Ross, in the heart of California's proposed West Sonoma Coast AVA. With moderate daytime and nighttime temperature swings within this pocket of land, the 3.5 acres of Pinot Noir follow a steady path to optimum ripeness, full flavor and color expression. The vineyards are on the eastern slopes of the second mountain ridge in from the Pacific Ocean, between 950 and 1,050 feet above sea level. Planted in 1993, on the property's Goldridge fine sandy loam soil, less than two tons per acre of vibrant, yet supple, fruit is harvested each year.

### Tasting Notes

"Aromas of black raspberry and strawberry jam combine with blueberry, coastal forest, and mocha. The palate is youthful and vibrant, typical of the Sonoma Coast. Bright cherry, cranberry, and preserved Asian plum play with tomato vine and rose water throughout the juicy finish."

– Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies



<b>Winemakers:</b>	Sean Thompson, Hugh Davies
<b>Varietal:</b>	Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Coast
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Nobles Vineyard
<b>Clones:</b>	Martini 15, 828
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 15 - 17, 2009
<b>Barrel Aging:</b>	15 months in 37% new and 25% one-time used French Oak
<b>Coopers:</b>	Francois Frères, Taransaud
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1 %
<b>TA:</b>	0.61 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.70
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	January 11, 2011
<b>Release Date:</b>	November 1, 2011
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	214 (9-Liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$50

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