

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2017 PINOT NOIR

*Georgian Vineyards
Anderson Valley*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release its fourth vintage of its Georgian Vineyards 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 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs sparkling wine. Over the 52 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 and Director of Winemaking Sean Thompson are proud to present this vineyard-designate Pinot Noir from southern Mendocino County's Anderson Valley.

The Georgian Vineyards are located at the northwestern end of the Anderson Valley, 10 miles east of the Pacific Ocean and situated on steep, rocky northwest facing slopes with an elevation ranging from 200-350 feet. Shallow loamy topsoil facilitates excellent drainage above a layer of sandstone and shale, stressing the roots to reach for nutrients and water. Cooler daily temperatures are ideal for Pinot Noir with nightly coastal breezes dropping into the 50s, creating the perfect sugar to acid balance in the grapes. This environment provides a long, even growing season which delivers mature fruit depth with a vibrant, acidic backbone.

Heavy winter rains along the Northern California coast fortified vineyards and resulted in big, healthy vines in 2017. Bud break timing was normal, and no major frost events or uneven weather occurred during that period. A late August heat wave occurred pre-harvest for the reds, ripening progressed at a leisurely pace after temperatures cooled.



Tasting Notes

“This Pinot Noir starts off with dense aromas of chocolate covered cherry, black plum, black tea, clove, with a touch of orange zest. The well-structured palate, featuring marionberry, espresso and cola spice, is balanced with fresh acidity.”

- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Anderson Valley
Vineyards:	Georgian Vineyards
Clones:	828, Pommard, DRC, 667, 944, 115, 2A
Barrel Aging (French Oak):	15 months (36% new, 32% once used)
Coopers:	Atelier Centre France, Francois Freres, Remond
Alcohol:	13.8%
TA:	0.62 g/100 mL
pH:	3.57
Harvest Date:	September 11 - 16, 2017
Bottling Date:	January 14, 2019
Release Date:	September 1, 2019
Cases Produced:	300
Suggested Retail:	\$70