

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2017 PINOT NOIR

*Hyde Vineyards
Napa Valley Carneros*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release the 2017 vintage of its Hyde 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 their fourth Pinot Noir vineyard-designate release from this storied Napa Valley Carneros property.

The Hyde family's Pinot Noir vineyards are planted just north of Highway 12 at the base of the Mayacamas foothills in the Napa Valley Carneros AVA at the southernmost end of the Napa Valley. The grapes are favorably influenced by the nightly cooling effect provided by the closely located San Pablo Bay. The vines on the property thrive on three feet of loamy topsoil above an impenetrable clay subsoil. This soil combination provides superb control over the nutrients and water supply for the vines. The Davies have enjoyed working with the Hydes since 1995 with their sparkling wine program, and are excited to expand this relationship with Pinot Noir still wine.

Abundant winter rains prior to the growing season helped recharge reservoirs and groundwater. Spring weather was cool to mild, with increased vine vigor and extended flowering in some areas. Over the Labor Day weekend, high temperatures kicked harvest into high gear until mid-September, when cooler weather arrived to give red varieties some extra hang time.



Tasting Notes

“This Pinot Noir emits beautiful aromas of red cherry, baked strawberry and vanilla, combined with a touch of cinnamon and cocoa powder. On a backbone of supple tannins, the lush midpalate extends with flavors of cherry compote, caramel and graham cracker.”

- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Napa Valley Carneros
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyards
Clone:	100% Little Piggy
Barrel Aging (French Oak):	15 months (25% new, 25% once used)
Coopers:	Remond, Billon, Francois Freres
Alcohol:	14.5%
TA:	0.60 g/100 mL
pH:	3.80
Harvest Date:	September 9 - 12, 2017
Bottling Date:	January 15, 2019
Release Date:	September 1, 2019
Cases Produced:	325 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$70