

DAVIES

VINEYARDS

2017 PINOT NOIR

*Piedra Libre Vineyards
Sonoma Coast*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release its third vintage of its Piedra Libre 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 wine from the 2017 vintage.

The Piedra Libre Vineyards property, centered approximately 45 miles north of San Francisco and 8 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean, is sited among the forests of the rolling hills between Sebastopol and Bodega Bay. Located between 250 and 500 feet above sea level, the vineyards are planted in Goldridge sandy loam soil, a fine grain soil with little fertility, which gives the grower full control of nutrients and minerals provided to the vine. The site enjoys morning fog and partial sunny days. This, along with the cool ocean breeze, moderates the temperature and allows the fruit to mature steadily throughout the growing season.

Record-breaking winter rainfall kicked off the 2017 vintage in Sonoma. A mild spring brought bud break at the normal time, and vintners reported small berries with excellent color. Once cooler weather arrived after a Labor Day weekend heat wave, the fruit was able to mature at a gradual pace, developing excellent color, pronounced flavors and high quality across the region.



Tasting Notes

"This Pinot Noir starts off with pleasant aromas of black cherry, black raspberry, boysenberry, dark chocolate, and black pepper. The palate combines Bing cherry, strawberry, red plum, and coffee, all layered on a backbone of ginger and dried orange peel."

- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Sonoma Coast
Vineyards:	Piedra Libre Vineyards
Clones:	115, 828, 459, Mt. Eden
Barrel Aging (French Oak):	15 months (30% new, 30% once used)
Coopers:	Atelier Centre France, Damy, Billon
Alcohol:	14.2%
TA:	0.69 g/100 mL
pH:	3.57
Harvest Date:	September 14 - 29, 2017
Bottling Date:	January 14, 2019
Release Date:	September 1, 2019
Cases Produced:	250 (9-Liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$70