

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2017 PINOT NOIR

*Sonoma Coast*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release the 2017 vintage of their Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. This wine is a blend crafted from the Horseshoe Bend, Nobles and Piedre Libre vineyards. 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 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 delicious appellation-designate Pinot Noir wine from the 2017 vintage.

Horseshoe Bend Vineyard sits at the summit of the ridgeline above the town of Occidental. At 700 - 800 feet elevation, it's situated above the fog bank of the Russian River, and gathers enough warmth to ripen the Pinot clusters. Nobles Vineyard produces Pinot Noir with vibrant red berry flavors and a supple, layered texture. 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. Piedra Libre Vineyards is surrounded by 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.

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 engages with aromas of cherry, rhubarb, raspberry and baking spice. The richly textured midpalate features a juicy center of blueberry and black plum, accentuated with good length and acidity on the finish."

*- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Coast
<b>Vineyards:</b>	40% Horseshoe Bend Vineyard, 32% Nobles Vineyard, 28% Piedra Libre Vineyards
<b>Clones:</b>	114, 777, Martini, 115, 828, 459, Pommard
<b>Barrel Aging (French Oak):</b>	15 months (20% new, 25% once used)
<b>Coopers:</b>	Orion, Atelier Centre France, Damy, Billon
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.2%
<b>TA:</b>	0.61 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.74
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 14 - 29, 2017
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	January 16, 2019
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 1, 2019
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	475 (9-Liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$45