

Dutton-Hallberg Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast

The Davies family, of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley, is proud to release its second Pinot Noir from the Dutton-Hallberg Vineyard in the Russian River Valley. 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 first vintage of Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs sparkling wine. Over the 57 years following that first use, Schramsberg's winemakers have built long-lasting relationships with some of the best Pinot Noir growers and vineyards in the North Coast. Developing upon this passion, history, and experience, second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, along with Winemakers Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga and J.P. Pierce present this vineyard-designate Pinot Noir wine from the 2022 vintage.

The Dutton-Hallberg vineyard is nestled within the Green Valley AVA of Russian River Valley. This cool, coastal valley allows vines to benefit from morning fog and afternoon breezes. This microclimate creates a natural air-conditioning effect, affording a longer growing season and slow, even ripening of fruit. The region's soils, predominantly Goldridge series, are a combination of sandy loam and clay, which provide excellent drainage and moisture retention, fostering optimal root development and grape flavor concentration. These exceptional climatic and soil conditions combine to produce exquisite Pinot Noir wines with complexity, elegance, and a distinct sense of place.

The 2022 growing season began with several weeks of sunny weather, leading to an earlier bud break. After a few years of drought conditions, the harvest started a few weeks earlier than normal and concluded ahead of schedule. Ripening was hastened thanks to lighter crop levels and consistently warm days in late August and early September. The smaller berries and cluster sizes led to exceptional fruit quality, resulting in wine with superb concentration and flavor.



"Our 2022 Dutton-Halberg Pinot Noir opens with aromas of blueberry, red plum, and bergamot orange, with undertones of white pepper and tarragon. A broad entry of strawberry and rhubarb is welcomed on the palate, carrying a juicy structure throughout the finish."

- Winemakers J.P. Pierce, Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

Varietal Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

Appellation: Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast

Vineyard: 100% Dutton-Hallberg

Clones: 667, 777

Barrel Aging (French Oak): 15 months (40% new, 27% once used)

Coopers: Orion, Atelier, Billon, Boutes, Francois Freres

14.5% Alcohol:

TA: 0.63 g/100 mL

pH: 3.66

Harvest Dates: September 16, 2022 **Bottling Date:** January 17, 2024 Release Date: August 1, 2024

Cases Produced: 350 (9 liter)

Suggested Retail: \$85

