

DAVIES
VINEYARDS
2019 PINOT NOIR

*Keefer Ranch
Russian River Valley, Sonoma County*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is proud to release their inaugural Pinot Noir release from the Keefer Ranch, which was purchased in 2019. 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 54 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 Winemakers Sean Thompson and Jessica Koga are proud to present this appellation-designate Pinot Noir wine from the 2019 vintage.

The Keefer Ranch is located in the headwaters of Green Valley Creek in the Russian River Valley. The vineyard is planted on gently sloping, south-facing Goldridge Loam soil. Well drained throughout the growing season, this ground provides low vigor, ideally suited for the growth of densely concentrated Pinot Noir wine grapes. The vineyard profits from a long, cool hang time resulting in fruit with outstanding color, extraction and balanced tannins. The Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir shows ripe cherry, cranberry fruit, spice, lively acidity, soft tannins, supple texture, and beautiful structure.

The 2019 growing season had a record winter rainfall, a cool spring, and a summer growing season that was near perfect for Sonoma County winegrapes. Cooler than normal summer temperatures slowed down fruit ripening pushing back harvest in many areas compared to recent seasons. Harvest began in our vineyard sites in mid-September. The resulting wine reflects the high-quality, densely concentrated fruit from this vintage.

Tasting Notes

"The 2019 Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir exhibits aromas of cherry, blackberry, cranberry and lavender, with a lingering whisp of strawberry. The palate opens with tangy acidity that drives delicious layers of brambly raspberry, sour cherry, rhubarb and vanilla, with elements of Madagascar vanilla that are supported by intergrated tanins."

- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Jessica Koga



Varietal Composition:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
Vineyards:	100% Keefer Ranch Vineyard
Clones:	Swan, Calera
Barrel Aging (French Oak):	15 months (30% new, 38% used once)
Coopers:	Atelier Centre France, Remond, Orion
Alcohol:	14.2%
TA:	0.57 g/100 mL
pH:	3.66
Harvest Dates:	September 17 - 18, 2019
Bottling Date:	January 25, 2021
Release Date:	September 1, 2021
Cases Produced:	350 (9-liter)
Suggested Retail:	\$75