

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2020 PINOT NOIR

*North Coast*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release its first vintage of the Davies Vineyards “North Coast” 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 55 years following that first use, Schramsberg’s winemakers have built long-lasting relationships with some of the best Pinot Noir growers along the North Coast. Developing upon this passion, history, and experience, second-generation Vintner Hugh Davies, and Winemakers Sean Thompson and Csilla Kato, are proud to present this appellation-designate Pinot Noir wine from the 2020 vintage.

The “North Coast” Pinot Noir is crafted from four of our long-standing Pinot Noir sites. The Hyde family’s Pinot Noir vineyards, planted in the Napa Valley Carneros AVA, where Haire loam soil provides superb control over the nutrients and water supply for the vines. Northwest from Hyde, in the Sonoma Coast’s Fort Ross-Seaview AVA, is the Nobles Vineyard, which provides a modest two tons per acre of vibrant, yet supple, fruit harvested each year on Goldridge loam soil. Further north, in Mendocino County’s Anderson Valley AVA, are the final two vineyards: the Ferrington Vineyards and Goorgian Vineyards. Ferrington is located near the town of Boonville, where the vines utilize over six feet of Boontling and Pinole loam soil to produce bright and complex fruit with great balance. The Goorgian Vineyards are located at the northwestern end of the valley, where shallow loamy topsoil facilitates excellent drainage above a layer of sandstone and shale, stressing the roots to reach for nutrients and water.

The 2020 North Coast wine grape growing season was relatively mild with steady daytime heat and cool evenings. Cooler temperatures during bloom and low winter rains led to lighter than average yields. The resulting high-quality crop was densely concentrated, vibrant, and richly balanced.



### Tasting Notes

“The 2020 North Coast Pinot Noir’s aroma engages with juicy plum, red cherry, cranberry and vanilla, with added layers of cola spice, thyme and chocolate. The palate opens with tangy cherry and red plum, with nuances of sarsaparilla, ginger and baking spices. Well-integrated tannins lead to a bright and tart finish.”

*- Winemakers Sean Thompson, Csilla Kato and Hugh Davies*

<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	North Coast
<b>Vineyards:</b>	46% Hyde, 37% Nobles, 10% Ferrington, 7% Goorgian
<b>Clones:</b>	Martini, Little Piggy, Pommard, 667, Calera, 777, 115, 943
<b>Barrel Aging (French Oak):</b>	15 months (21% new, 21% once use)
<b>Coopers:</b>	Francois Freres, Damy, Orion, Billon, Vicard, Atelier
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.7%
<b>TA:</b>	0.56 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.64
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	August 28 - September 15, 2020
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	February 4, 2022
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 1, 2022
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	400 (9 liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$40

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