

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2019 PINOT NOIR

*Sonoma Coast*

The Davies family of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley is pleased to release the 2019 vintage of their Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir. This wine is a blend crafted from Keefer Ranch and Nobles 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 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 delicious 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. Nobles Vineyard, in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA, 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.

The 2019 growing season had a record winter rainfall, a cool spring, and a summer growing season that was near perfect for Sonoma County wine grapes. 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 of this vintage.

### Tasting Notes

"The 2019 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir engages with aromas of pomegranate, red plum, and cocoa powder, with touches of freshly ground coffee and lavender. The juicy and long palate features delicate layers of red cherry, hibiscus tea, vanilla, and mocha, with a touch of tobacco leaf, all of which is carried by driving acidity on the finish."

*- Winemakers Sean Thompson and Jessica Koga*



<b>Varietal Composition:</b>	100% Pinot Noir
<b>Appellation:</b>	Sonoma Coast, Sonoma County
<b>Vineyards:</b>	70% Keefer Ranch, 30% Nobles Vineyard
<b>Clones:</b>	Swan, Martini, 777, Calera
<b>Barrel Aging (French Oak):</b>	15 months (20% new, 30% once used)
<b>Coopers:</b>	Orion, Atelier Centre France, Damy
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.6%
<b>TA:</b>	0.55 g/100 mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.75
<b>Harvest Dates:</b>	September 17 - October 2, 2019
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	January 26, 2021
<b>Release Date:</b>	September 1, 2021
<b>Cases Produced:</b>	300 (9-Liter)
<b>Suggested Retail:</b>	\$50