

# DAVIES

VINEYARDS

## 2021 PINOT NOIR

*Nobles Vineyard*

*Fort Ross-Seaview, Sonoma Coast*

The Davies family, of Schramsberg Vineyards and Davies Vineyards in the Napa Valley, is pleased to release its thirteenth vintage of its Nobles Vineyard 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 56 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 and Jessica Koga, present this vineyard-designate Pinot Noir wine from the 2021 vintage.

Owned and managed by the Nobles family, this vineyard produces bright, complex, and richly layered Pinot Noir grapes. It is located approximately 75 miles north of San Francisco, on the north Sonoma Coast, in the Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. With the vineyard's moderate daytime and nighttime temperature swings, the Pinot Noir grapes follow a steady path to optimal ripeness, full flavor, and color expression. The site is located on the eastern slopes of the second mountain ridge in from the Pacific Ocean, between 950 and 1,050 feet above sea level. Planted in 1993, on the property's Goldridge loam soil, less than two tons per acre of vibrant, yet supple, fruit is harvested each year.

The 2021 Sonoma Coast growing season started out cold and progressed into a mildly warm summer. Hot days and cold nights allowed for steady ripening throughout the season. The fall was free of any long and lingering heat waves, allowing the fruit to develop to ideal ripeness with vibrant fruit flavors. Overall, these excellent growing conditions resulted in beautifully balanced wines.



### Tasting Notes

"This Nobles Vineyard Pinot Noir welcomes aromas of raspberry, fresh fig, and barely ripe strawberry, supported with undertones of blueberry pie, vanilla, and cardamom. The palate offers a rich entry followed by mouthwatering acidity, unveiling juicy Bing cherry, pomegranate, and blood orange flavors. Ending notes of marionberry and espresso lead to a long finish."

*- Winemakers Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

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| <b>Varietal Composition:</b>      | 100% Pinot Noir                        |
| <b>Appellation:</b>               | Fort Ross - Seaview, Sonoma Coast      |
| <b>Vineyards:</b>                 | 100% Nobles                            |
| <b>Clones:</b>                    | Martini, 777                           |
| <b>Barrel Aging (French Oak):</b> | 15 months (38% new, 31% once used)     |
| <b>Coopers:</b>                   | Francois Freres, Atelier, Damy, Remond |
| <b>Alcohol:</b>                   | 14.6%                                  |
| <b>TA:</b>                        | 0.61 g/100 mL                          |
| <b>pH:</b>                        | 3.52                                   |
| <b>Harvest Dates:</b>             | September 15, 2021                     |
| <b>Bottling Date:</b>             | January 20, 2023                       |
| <b>Release Date:</b>              | September 1, 2023                      |
| <b>Cases Produced:</b>            | 350 (9 liter)                          |
| <b>Suggested Retail:</b>          | \$80                                   |

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