



# **2023 PINOT NOIR**

# Ferrington Vineyards, Anderson Valley

#### **WINERY**

After Jack and Jamie Davies revived the historic Schramsberg property in Napa Valley, their son, Hugh Davies, initiated a red wine program using the family's estate vineyards on Diamond Mountain. Starting in the 1990s, Hugh undertook the replanting of the home property to red Bordeaux varietals leading to the J. Davies Cabernet program; he later partnered with North Coast growers to launch Davies Vineyards Pinot Noirs.

#### **WINE**

The Davies family of Schramsberg and Davies Vineyards proudly presents the fourth Pinot Noir release from Keefer Ranch, acquired in 2019. Their Pinot Noir legacy began in 1967 with Schramsberg's first Blanc de Noirs, and over the years they have built lasting partnerships with top North Coast growers. Crafted by second-generation vintner Hugh Davies and winemakers Sean Thompson, Jessica Koga, and J.P. Pierce, the 2023 Keefer Ranch Pinot Noir reflects the family's deep-rooted passion and expertise.

### **VINEYARDS**

The Ferrington Vineyards lies in Anderson Valley, about 100 miles north of San Francisco and 17 miles from the Pacific Ocean. At 360–440 feet in elevation, its Boontling and Pinole loam soils, sustainable farming, and deficit irrigation yield about 2.5 tons per acre of bright, balanced fruit. Cool nights and warm days create a long growing

season, producing fruit with depth, vibrancy, and lively acidity.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 Anderson Valley vintage delivered exceptional quality despite a delayed start and a cooler summer. After years of drought, plentiful winter rain led to a milder growing season. Grapes benefited from the extended hang time which resulted in yields higher than average; many vineyards having the most bountiful harvest in recent memory.

#### WINEMAKING

After careful fruit selection the grapes are gently pressed and aged for 15 months in approximately 22% new French oak barrels prior to bottling.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

"Our 2023 Ferrington Vineyards Pinot Noir delivers lush aromas of red fruit, berry compote, and hints of chocolate and vanilla. Notes of rosemary spice and espresso add to the bouquet. A bright and generous cherry-fruited entry leads into a well-weighted mid-palate. The finish is driven by density and youthful tannins."

- Winemakers JP Pierce, Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies

#### **VINEYARD**

Region: California
Appellation: Mendocino
Sub-Appellation: Anderson Valley

Soil: Boontling and Pinole loam soil

**Exposure**: Northeast exposure

Clones: Pommard, 115, 667, 777, 828

**Coopers**: Francois Freres, Remond, Damy, Atelier, Orion

Eco-Practices: Sustainable, Solar

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Barrel Aging: 16 months (29% new, 24% once used)

## **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Alcohol:} & 14.5\% \\ \mbox{Total Acidity:} & 6.0 \mbox{ g/L} \\ \mbox{pH:} & 3.65 \end{array}$ 

