SCHRAMSBERG

J. Schram

2017 J. SCHRAM NOIRS, NORTH COAST

WINERY

Family owned and operated for over fifty years, Schramsberg Vineyards was established in 1965 by Jack and Jamie Davies who set out to make world-class, vintage-dated sparkling wine in the true méthode traditionelle style on the property originally established in 1862 by German immigrants.

WINE

The Schramsberg team and the Davies Family is thrilled to release the fifth bottling of J. Schram Noirs, our finest Pinot Noir brut offering. Labeled as the Schramsberg Reserve for decades, we started bottling our special limited Noirs blend in the J. Schram proprietary glass with the 2013 vintage. We now offer our ultimate sparkling wine tier with three selections: Blancs, Rosé, and Noirs. Representing 2% of our annual production, this richly flavored and full-bodied sparkler is made from only the finest base-wine lots produced each year. We release this finished sparkling wine nine years after the grapes are harvested, yet this fruitful, dry, toasty and creamy bubbly will age gracefully for decades to come.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are in Marin at Redding Ranch vineyards; Mendocino at Juster vineyards; and in Sonoma at Jonive, Sawkar, Horseshoe Bend vineyards.

VINTAGE NOTES

For the 2017 vintage, abundant winter rains prior to the growing season helped recharge reservoirs and groundwater. Spring weather was cool to mild, with increased vine vigor and extended flowering in some areas. After a summer of heat spikes, harvest started in the beginning of August. Warm days and cool nights throughout harvest encouraged exceptional fruit development while maintaining bright acidity.

WINEMAKING

Primarily Pinot Noir with select Chardonnay for added structure and length, the blend also incorporates barrel and malolactic fermented lots for depth and texture. It then ages on the lees for eight years in historic Diamond Mountain caves, developing rich roasted and caramelized notes before a final dosage fine-tunes balance and structure.

TASTING NOTES

"Our 2017 J. Schram Noirs has inviting aromas of orange citrus and tangerine, alongside apricot and just ripe strawberry. Hints of cranberry and plum add complexity. The palate is juicy on entry, with rich flavors of baked peach. A tart, coating center provides good weight, while the finish is long and creamy."- *Winemakers Jessica Koga, Sean Thompson and Hugh Davies*

VINEYARD

Region:	California
Appellation:	North Coast
Principal Blocks:	**Marin:** Redding Ranch **Mendocino:** Juster **Sonoma:** Jonive, Sawkar, Horseshoe Bend
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable, Solar
Certifications:	Napa Green

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	89% Pinot Noir 11% Chardonnay
County Composition:	62% Sonoma, 20% Marin, 16% Mendocino, 2% Napa
Tirage:	8 years en tirage
Disgorgement:	April 16 - May 4, 2026

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	EC-1118, referred to as "prise de mousse"
Barrel Fermentation:	27%
Alcohol:	13%
Residual Sugar:	7.8 g/L
Total Acidity:	8.6 g/L
pH:	3.14

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