



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

SKY HIGH RANCH PINOT NOIR

MENDOCINO RIDGE

2018

Sky High Ranch Pinot Noir is a superbly-crafted wine made from mountaintop vineyards located on Mendocino Ridge, high above Anderson Valley in Mendocino County.

GRAPE

Pinot Noir

AROMAS & FLAVORS

This wine opens with delicious aromas of baking spices, licorice, dark fruits, floral notes and a hint of chocolate, complemented by juicy flavors of black cherry, currant and blueberry. This naturally-balanced wine has a velvety texture and a dazzling complexity that is layered with notes of toast and lingering spice on the finish.

HOW IT'S MADE

The grapes are hand harvested and hand sorted in the field. They are gently destemmed and transferred to small, stainless steel open top tanks or bins. After a three-day cold soak, various yeast strains are introduced. Fermentors are punched down one to three times per day. Wines are pressed when dry and then moved to barrels to complete malolactic fermentation. The blend was assembled in July and bottled in August 2019.

THE VINTAGE

2018 was a very good year with ideal weather conditions for the vines. Spring produced great set, and average rainfalls led to normal to above-normal yields. Consistently warm temperatures during the summer months without any drastic heat spikes or rain events allowed for longer "hang time" for the grapes, which led to fully ripe flavors.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Sky High Ranch Pinot Noir is a seductive, aromatic wine that pairs well with salmon, duck, pork and meat entrées such as beef bourguignon or rack of lamb. Try pairing this Pinot Noir with cheeses like Brie, Camembert, Gruyère or goat. Chocolate covered strawberries would make a delightful dessert pairing.

COOPERAGE

34% new French oak, 66% older oak

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol/pH/TA: 14.5%/3.62/.57

Bottled: August 2019



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