



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

SKY HIGH RANCH PINOT NOIR

MENDOCINO RIDGE

2021

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.

THE VINTAGE

Drought conditions continued in 2021, with most of the annual precipitation falling in October and December of 2020, followed by a very rainy April in 2021. Spring temperatures were cooler, with bud break occurring one week later than average. Summer temperatures were above average with less nightly fog and cloud cover. With minimal irrigation, the grapes were ready for harvesting towards the end of September, near the average pick date for Sky High Ranch.

HOW IT'S MADE

The grapes are hand picked and brought to the winery in macrobins, then gently destemmed and transferred to small stainless steel tanks. After a 3-day cold soak, various yeast strains are introduced. Tanks are punched down or pumped over 1-to-2 times per day. Once dry, the wines are drained and pressed to tank for one day of settling and then racked to barrels, where they complete malolactic fermentation. After 9 months in barrel, the wine was bottled in August 2022.

AROMAS & FLAVORS

This is a plump and juicy Pinot Noir, opening with aromas of dried cherry, ground cardamom spice, sage, and a hint of bacon. The mouthwatering palate offers cherry pie and vanilla bean flavors supported by medium acidity. The velvety texture of this wine culminates in lingering notes caramel sauce on the finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Sky High Ranch Pinot Noir is a seductive, aromatic wine that pairs beautifully with mushroom risotto, roasted salmon over lentils and bacon, or Toulouse-style cassoulet.

COOPERAGE

9 months in 100% French oak, 30% new

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol 14.5% | pH 3.59 | TA 5.87 g/L

Bottled August 2022