
FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

MIDDLELRIDGE RANCH PINOT NOIR

ANDERSON VALLEY

2019

Between two ridges in the hills above Boonville in Anderson Valley, sits Ferrari-Carano's Middleridge Ranch. Quiet and peaceful with warm, western winds in the afternoon, the flavors of these grapes are very fruit driven, but still possess the spice and minerality for which the valley is known.

GRAPE

Pinot Noir

AROMAS & FLAVORS

The 2019 Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir seduces with a perfumed nose of raspberries, Bing cherry, vanilla and maple, followed by mouthwatering, juicy flavors of cherry pastry and cola on the mid palate and toasted graham cracker lingering on the finish.

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 open-top tanks. After a 3-day cold soak, various yeast strains are introduced. Tanks are punched down 1-3 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 8 months in barrel, the wine was bottled in July, 2020.

THE VINTAGE

2019 began with plenty of rain, including a couple of days of flooding, which brought our total rainfall to well above the annual average. March was cooler and wetter than normal, leading to later budbreak and bloom dates, and despite a rare storm during flowering season, a good crop size was set. Summer brought typical warm Sonoma county weather, heating up towards the end of August and the beginning of September. Favorable weather continued, allowing the grapes to hang as long as needed to develop ripe, jammy flavors. Harvest was completed on October 8th.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Middleridge Ranch Pinot Noir is a seductive, aromatic wine that pairs well with salmon, fowl and meat entrées such as beef bourguignon or rack of lamb.

COOPERAGE

10% new French oak, 90% older oak

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol/pH/TA: 14.5%/3.64/.51

Bottled: July 2020



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