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# FERRARI-CARANO

*Vineyards and Winery*

## SKY HIGH RANCH PINOT NOIR

MENDOCINO RIDGE

2023

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*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

The 2023 vintage was an overall cooler year with a wet winter including a heavy dusting of snow in vineyards late February. The year progressed with a cold spring, delaying bloom and a cooler than usual summer resulting in a later vintage, the latest we have experienced in the past two decades. These growing conditions produced wines with a brighter fruit profile and added complexity at slightly lower alcohols. The youthful character of the 2023 vintage indicates that these wines will hold exceptional aging potential.

### 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, yeast is introduced. Tanks are punched down or pumped over 1-to-2 times per day. Once dry, we keep the lots separate and they 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 July 2024.

### AROMAS & FLAVORS

Upon opening, a bouquet of sarsaparilla, cranberry, vanilla, and forest floor fill the nose. On the palate, bright acidity and dancing tannins blend beautifully with notes of black cherry and graham cracker.

### 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, 27% new

### TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol 14.2% | pH 3.74 | TA 6.1 g/L

Bottled July 15, 2024