



FERRARI-CARANO

Vineyards and Winery

SKY HIGH RANCH PINOT NOIR

MENDOCINO RIDGE

2022

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 winter of 2021-2022 had minimal rainfall adding to drought conditions in Mendocino County. With mild Winter and Spring temperatures, budbreak was ahead of average. Summer was warm and dry, with above average temperatures in August and September, leading to an earlier increase in brix. Maturity continued on track with an average harvest start date for the reds, with Pinot Noir picked September 23-24.

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 10 months in barrel, the wine was bottled in August 2023.

AROMAS & FLAVORS

This is a plump and juicy Pinot Noir, opening with aromas of dried cherry, ground cardamom spice, nutmeg, and a hint of bacon. The mouthwatering palate offers blood orange essence, cherry pie, and subtle tannin with balanced acidity.

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

10 months in 100% French oak, 27% new

TECHNICAL DATA

Composition 100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol 14.5% | pH 3.7 | TA 5.98 g/L

Bottled August 2023