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## 2013 Ferrington Vineyard Pinot Noir | *Anderson Valley*

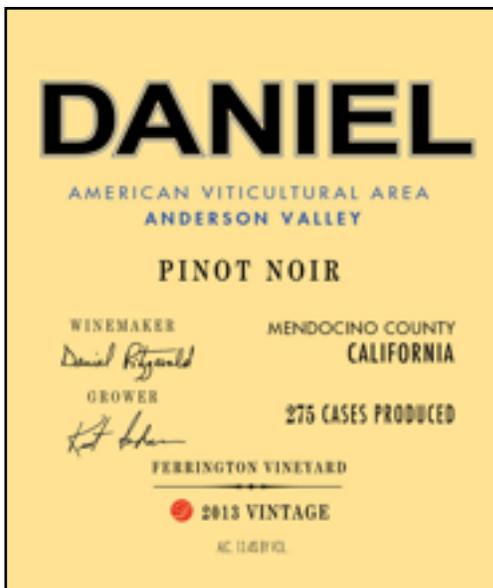
**Vineyard-** Situated in western Mendocino County, Anderson Valley's Ferrington Vineyard was first planted in the late 1960's and some of the original vines are still producing fruit. The inland climate is tempered by cool marine air, with steep hills and mountains that surround the rolling-to-nearly-level alluvial terraces of this extraordinary site. The vineyard has a gentle south-facing slope with soil that is mainly decomposed sandstone and clay soils, with 3-4 feet of topsoil. Ferrington Vineyard has become one of California's most sought-after pinot noir vineyards and this wine is a true testament to its exceptional offerings.

**Vintage-** The 2013 growing season essentially offered conditions that were as close to perfect as they come. Early winter rains were followed by a warm, dry spring, resulting in an early growing season that saw no frost. Summer was warm, but without the usual heat spikes to shut the vines down or produce sunburn. Ripening occurred earlier than usual, and was very even. The wines are bright, energetic, with beautiful aromatics and full of complexity.

**Fermentation:** Fermentation begins in open top, stainless steel tanks with manual punch downs up to five times daily. We use only indigenous yeasts/malolactic cultures for primary and secondary fermentation. Wines are pressed off just before going dry to preserve a supple phenolic structure as well as some barrel fermentation for harmony with the oak. All wine movement is by gravity only.

**Harvest Date:** August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013

**Winemaker:** Daniel Fitzgerald



**Cooperage & Aging:** Aged in 100% French oak (45% new) for 10 months.

**Bottled:** August 2014

**Production:** 275 cases

**Sensory Notes:** This pinot noir showcases a deep plum red color in the glass. The nose is particular to the Ferrington Vineyard, with its Bergamot tea leaf and Asian spices. Well structured and bright, the palate is vibrant with flavors of boysenberry, tart cherry and cedar. The wine finishes with excellent length accentuating its notes of red fruit and spice.

### Final Technical Information:

**pH:** 3.54

**TA:** .65 g/100ml

**Alc:** 13.4%

**Suggested Retail Price:** \$50.00