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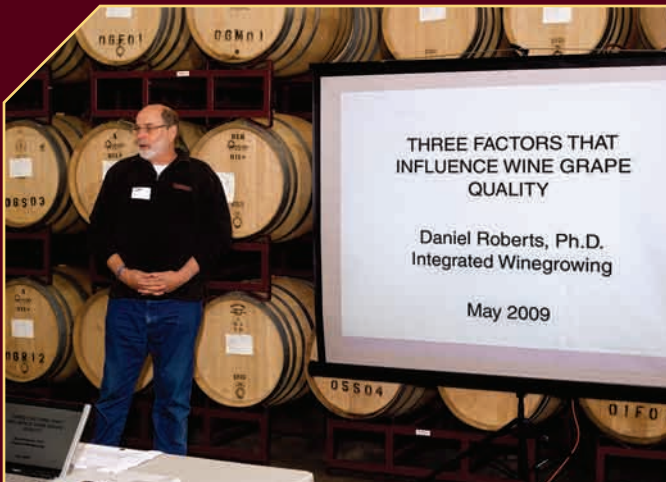
Letting the wine speak its poetry

2009 Fall Release

- 2007 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
- 2007 Bella Una Pinot Noir
- 2007 Cohn Vineyard Pinot Noir
- 2007 Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noir
- 2007 Zinfandel



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Joe Anderson, owner of Benovia, welcomes the planting group



Tucker Catlin, vineyard development, explains to the group all the steps involved in planting a vineyard



James Stamp, plant biologist, talks about rootstock



Daniel Roberts, viticulturist, explains many facts and dispels many myths about planting Pinot Noir

Wine-lovers loved volunteering to help plant Benovia vineyards

On May 2 and May 16, 45 dedicated wine lovers came to Benovia to help plant our new vineyards. They learned about planting Pinot Noir in particular, the details of planning a vineyard, and how important getting healthy rootstock is to the success of the vineyard. The May 2 group bravely planted in a pouring rain. The May 16 group was greeted by bright sunshine. Both groups were a joy to be with and all have been officially knighted as Benovians. The vines they planted will be marked with plaques, bearing the planters' names so they may track the vines' progress each time they visit the winery in coming years.



Interested volunteers taking notes to plant correctly



Shovels for everyone



Proud volunteers of the roots they've planted



The group hard at work



FALL RELEASE WINES

Benovia fall release 2007 vintage tasting notes

WITH A PURCHASE OF
6 BOTTLES OR MORE
SHIPPING IS INCLUDED

The 2007 vintage year produced wines of great balance, beauty and a long silky finish. Our single vineyard Pinot Noirs are simply extraordinary.
Some years everything just seems to go right and 2007 was that year. We had an even fruit set. Summer was cool and dry, and warm temperatures in August and September produced grapes with thick skins and intense flavors. It cooled off just enough for some extended hang time and even maturation of the grapes.
The result is wines that will bring you great pleasure in the near term and in the far term.

2007 Sonoma Coast Chardonnay
Very limited

This Chardonnay comes from a selected block in a vineyard that is on the third coastal ridge from the ocean, near the town of Seaview. This wine is bursting with aromas of citrus oil, lemon custard and pineapple. The lively aromas are followed by layer after layer of sweet

apple and candied pear. Barrel fermentation and oak aging for 14 months have added hints of vanilla bean, roasted hazelnut and smoke to this complex and intriguing wine. This wine has been a favorite of many local winemakers. There are only 81 cases of this rather exotic Chardonnay.

2007 Bella Una Pinot Noir
Very limited

Our winemaker, Mike Sullivan, wanted to create a special, high-end Pinot Noir that was a blend of several vineyards that we work with. Bella Una is the result and it means "beautiful together."
This wine has rich and seductive aromas of baking spice and vine ripened blackberry. On the palate the wines juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity building with fruit through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet. We have only 181 cases of this beauty.

2007 Cohn Vineyard Pinot Noir
Very limited

The Cohn Vineyard was planted in 1970 and thus is one of the oldest Pinot Noir vineyards in California. The yield for 2007 was a painfully low 0.38 tons per acre. The wine is medium ruby color followed by gorgeously intense aromas of spring flowers, Queen Ann Cherries and sandalwood. Year after year this site's hallmark is an ethereally-floral aromatic quality, fine tannins and a long complex finish. There are only 98 cases of this very exciting wine.

2007 Savoy Vineyard Pinot Noir
Limited

This vineyard is located just north of Philo in Anderson Valley and has been farmed by Rich Savoy for 20 years. We vinify five different Pinot Noir clones (Calera, Dijon 113, 115, Martini 13 and Pommard) to create this crowd pleaser.
This alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant

fruit aromas of wild strawberry, cranberry and raspberry soufflé harmonize with floral and east-Indian spice notes. Heady aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors of Bing cherry, raspberry, and brown sugar. On the palate the wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity building with fruit through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. There are 352 cases of pure pleasure to drink.

2007 Zinfandel
Very limited

This wine comes from a 39-year-old vineyard at the northern end of Russian River Valley. This wine is virtually dry-farmed which results in small, compact clusters of incredible fruit intensity.
Lively aromas of vine-ripened blackberries and kirsch liquor are followed by flavors reminiscent of fresh-baked blackberry pie and fresh-cracked white pepper. This succulent Zinfandel has a multi-layered texture, sweet luscious tannins and a long finish. We have only 197 cases of this endearing Zinfandel.



HISTORIC COHN VINEYARD, PLANTED IN 1970

Special events for you . . .

Work the crush at Benovia

Our program works like this. We will put you to work doing whatever we are doing each day. It might involve sorting grapes, punch down, taking samples in the vineyard, taking measurements of the fermenting wine, and the never ending task of cleaning the equipment.

We will provide you with lunch and a little wine to end the day. And of course you will have “bragging rights” that you helped make this wine.

Pick the days that work for you and we will see if they work with our schedule. Crush is usually from the beginning of September to late October. We say “usually” because we are dealing with nature here and she can be pretty unpredictable.

If you would like to participate, give us a call at the winery and we will answer all of your questions. 707-526-4441.

Fall Winery Open House

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

We will have our open house on Saturday, November 7, from 11:00am to 3:00pm. If you would like to pick up wines, this is the time to do it. We will have delicious nibbles for you, and of course you get to taste some pretty great wines. Your wine friends are welcome to come along with you.

Other events Benovia will participate in for 2009

Family Winemakers of California

August 23–24 | San Francisco

www.familywinemakers.com

This is a great tasting event featuring many small, family owned wineries in California. Many different wines, most very good.

Pinot on the River

October 25 | Russian River

www.pinotfestival.com

A very special, down home kind of event just for Pinot Noir right here in the heartland of the Russian River Valley. If you love Pinot Noir, you will want to attend this event. Great small wineries with great wines.

First Press Wine Auction

November 13–14 | Phoenix, Arizona

www.firstpressarizona.com

An event to benefit NPR radio in Phoenix. Lots of fun and they have a tasting on Friday, Nov. 13 that will involve participating wineries.

2nd Annual Open House at the home of co-owners Joe Anderson & Mary Dewane

November 15 | Phoenix, Arizona

A great chance for folks in Arizona to taste the fall release wines, meet other wine lovers and generally have fun on a Sunday afternoon. We will e-mail you with more information as the date gets closer.

Vineyard Hideaway

To inquire about availability, please e-mail: Bob@BenoviaWinery.com

At Benovia Winery, we have the perfect setting for your wine country vacation. Discover the joy of sipping wine while looking over prized Russian River Valley vineyards. Enjoy the inviting, relaxing, and warm ambience of our winery cottage. Feel the stress melt away while sitting in our hot tub spa under the stars, or start your day there. You will love the peaceful, country feel of our location, and yet the cottage is just five-minutes from famous restaurants and wineries.

