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SPRING RELEASE WINES



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Benovia Photography Class

On August 14th and 15th of last year, Benovia presented two extraordinary photo seminars with Con Keyes, a former photographer with the *Los Angeles Times*. We wanted to share with you some of the photos taken during those two days. We think they are exceptional. The cover photo was also taken during the photography class. Each photographer is credited under the photo. View more student photos on our website: www.BenoviaWinery.com



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Benovia spring release 2009 vintage tasting notes

Shipping included with a purchase of 6 bottles or more

We are introducing a new wine for the spring release: the 2009 Russian River Pinot Noir. As our newer vineyards come into production, and the farming of existing vineyards has risen to a level we think is exceptional, we decided to introduce our first predominantly Martaella Vineyard estate wine. This wine is delicious and embodies the characteristics of a truly fine Russian River Pinot Noir.

We are also proud to present you, our valued customers, with an excellent Pinot Noir for the best price possible. With the 2009 vintage, we are able to offer the Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir for just \$38.

Our winemaker, Mike Sullivan, has always been conservative when it comes to handing out praise for vintages. He has been making wine for over 20 years and knows well the ups and downs of the quality of grapes each year. However, just one month into the 2009 vintage, he was singing its praises. As you can read from his notes, he believes the 2009 vintage may the BEST yet for Benovia Winery.

Mike Sullivan's notes on the 2009 vintage: "The Russian River Valley experienced its third successive drought in the winter/spring of 2009. The colder-than-average temperatures in the spring pushed the season back by almost three weeks at flowering and fruit set. The summer was cool and dry, with low mildew and rot pressure. Temperatures warmed in July and August, helping to create a very even veraison and set the stage for a great vintage. Although yields were below average, stressed vines produced grapes with exceptional color with vibrant acidity and exceptional balance. We are very excited about the 2009 vintage—maybe our best vintage yet!"

2009 Sonoma Mountain Chardonnay \$32 | Very limited

These grapes are from Mike Sullivan's family vineyard, and the wine is bursting with aromas of orange marmalade, nectarine and ripe tropical fruits. Barrel fermentation and oak aging for 14 months produced a complex and delicious wine.

2009 La Pommeraiie Chardonnay, Russian River \$48 | Limited

This intense and concentrated single vineyard Chardonnay entices with vivid aromas of citrus blossom, honeysuckle and white peaches. The vibrancy of the wine's aromas is matched by its opulent texture, layered flavors of candied citrus, Anjou pear with a mineral laden finish and exceptional complexity.

2009 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir \$45 | Very Limited

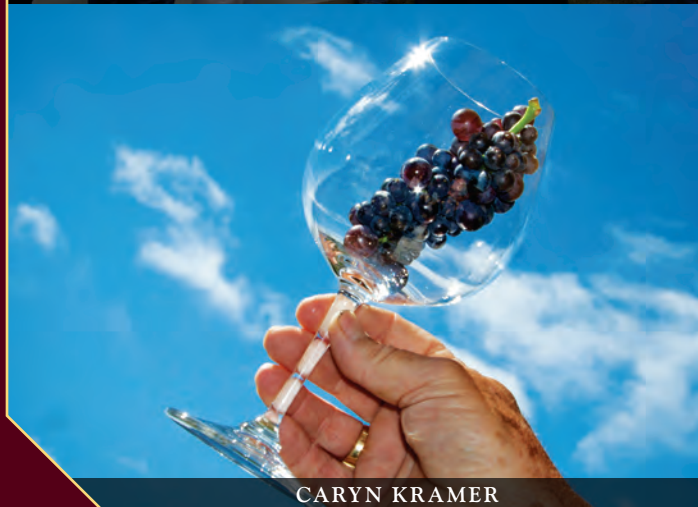
This outstanding vintage provided the raw materials to produce a truly outstanding Russian River Valley Pinot Noir. Aromas are clearly dominated by bright red fruit tones of Bing cherry and strawberry, while black fruits dominate on the palate. The bright aromas expand and give way to candied orange peel and East-Asian spice notes. This wine is beautifully proportioned with a sweet middle and a delicate earthy finish.

2009 Sonoma Coast Pinot Noir \$38 | Limited

Bright and detailed aromas of black cherry, red raspberry and autumnal spices introduce this complex and intense Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine's juicy mouthfeel is supported by centered acidity, building with intensity through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. This wine is balanced and precise.

2010 Rosé of Pinot Noir \$18 | Very Limited

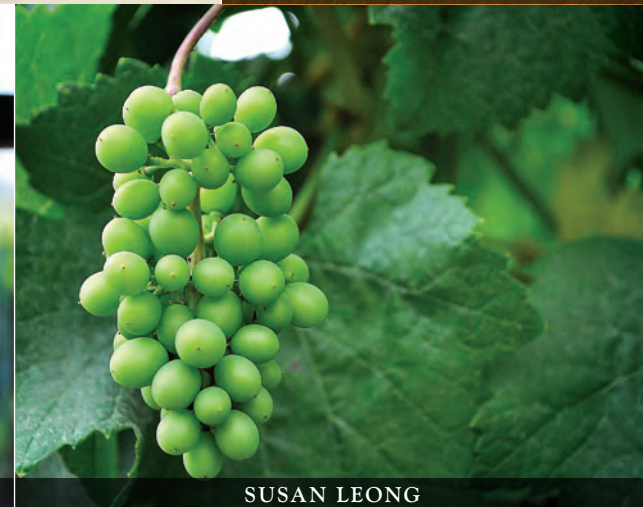
This wine is just what you want on a summer evening when your desire is for something refreshing and not too heavy. Rosé goes with a variety of foods, especially dishes spiced with peppers. This Rosé has vibrant strawberry and late-summer watermelon aromas, echoing flavors which are all supported by good acidity and a citrus-like finish.



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A special invitation to visit us this year

The winery and vineyards have never looked better. We have expanded from our original 18 acres to 58 acres, and we now have 40 acres of planted vineyards on the winery property.

We have remodeled a couple of buildings, and now offer a truly stellar tasting experience. Many visitors have commented they could stay all day here. Remember, tasting is by

appointment so be sure to set up a time so that we can give you the full experience, which can also include a vineyard tour.

This is our special invitation to you to come visit us this year. We will have many special events, which we will announce through e-mail, so make sure we have your correct e-mail address.



Vineyard Hideaway

To inquire about availability, please e-mail: CottageRental@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.

Join us at these 2011 events

Barrel Tasting Weekends

March 5-6 and 12-13 | Benovia Winery
www.wineroad.com

This is the only time that Benovia sells wine futures. Come taste the 2010 vintage still in barrel, and buy futures on these wines at a discount. You will also be able to taste the newly released 2009 vintage, which is by all accounts, stunningly good. Over 100 wineries participate in Barrel Tasting.

World of Pinot Noir

March 5 | Shell Beach, California
www.worldofpinot.com

An event focused only on Pinot Noir, featuring excellent seminars and wine tastings. Located in the beautiful Central Coast area, right off Highway 101 and on the ocean.

Family Winemakers of California

March 14
Public Tasting at Del Mar Fairgrounds,
San Diego, California

March 16
Trade Tasting at Pasadena, California
www.familywinemakers.org

Family Winemakers is a great organization featuring small, family-owned wineries in California. A great chance to discover many different new wines.

Benovia Winery Open House

April 23 | Benovia Winery
This is your chance to taste all of the current release wines and pick up spring release wines at the winery. We will have delicious appetizers as always, plus a few surprises just to keep you interested. We love seeing our customers so please come by.

Uncorked! Wine Festival

May 21 | San Francisco, California
www.ghiradellisq.com

A fun little event in a very picturesque setting, looking out over San Francisco Bay. Great wines and food.

Pinot Days

June 18 | San Francisco, California
www.pinotdays.com

Don't miss this event. It is the largest tasting of Pinot Noir on the planet. If you love Pinot Noir, this is as close to paradise as you can get. Well over 200 wineries participate, and they are only pouring Pinot Noir.

Please watch for future events at the winery by checking our website and facebook page:
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