



BENOVIA.

WINERY

2017 Spring Release

— FEATURED WINES —

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BY MARY DEWANE, GM & FOUNDER



WE'VE BEEN VERY BUSY AT BENOVIA
WHILE THE VINES HAVE BEEN RECHARGING.
BUD BREAK BEGAN LAST WEEK AND THE WINERY TEAM IS BUZZING!



We are so excited for our upcoming release of really beautiful Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Rosé.

As our loyal members know, our gifted winemaker Mike Sullivan only makes Bella Una Pinot Noir when the conditions are just right and thankfully the stars aligned in 2014. We are pleased to present a special bottling of just 200 cases of the coveted 2014 Bella Una, which is a Pinot Noir blend from our sustainably farmed Martaella and Tilton Hill vineyards.

Our very popular Fort Ross-Seaview Chardonnay has a new name! The critically-acclaimed wine has always been crafted from the Martinelli Family's Three Sisters Vineyard – a coastal ridge-top vineyard at 1000' elevation. We are proud that we are now able to lend the vineyard's name to the wine, so moving forward, your favorite Benovia Fort Ross-Seaview Chardonnay will now be known as Benovia Three Sisters Chardonnay.

We are also thrilled to release our 2015 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Both are excellent blends for larger gatherings this spring, like Easter and Mother's Day.

What would spring and summer be without a touch of pink? A limited amount of Benovia Rosé just became available.

Benovia is happy to announce its first ever Blanc de Blancs sparkling wine to be released later this spring. The wine is rich and persistent with bright acidity and floral and mineral notes. This bubbly is made from Chardonnay from our Martaella Estate Vineyard, and for those familiar with our still wines, it's a fun, contrasting presentation of the same fruit. We will notify our loyal Benovians when this wine is available for purchase.

Finally, we are looking forward to the summer here at Benovia. Please come visit us!

BENOVIA® 2017 SPRING RELEASE TASTING NOTES

A warm February and March lead to early bud break in 2015. The warm winter transitioned to May temperatures that were colder than temps in January and February. These cold temperatures at bloom delayed flowering and fruit set was compromised. The poor set resulted in yields being reduced by as much as 50% in some of our vineyards. The summer weather can be characterized by cool nights and foggy mornings and resulted in veraison that was 1 to 2 weeks ahead of 2014. The harvest was our earliest on record for Benovia and ended quickly due to the low yields.

- Mike Sullivan, Winemaker

2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

\$36 | Limited

The Chardonnay is sourced primarily from our Martaella Estate Vineyard. We have planted heirloom clones of Chardonnay that retain bright acidity and express beautiful floral and mineral notes. The low-fertility soils and the cool temperatures, in this part of the Russian River Valley, unite to form an ideal place for growing Chardonnay. This 2015 Russian River Valley Chardonnay is bursting with aromas of Williams pear, tangerine and toasted hazelnuts. The nose is filled with white Peach and acacia blossom, knit together by bright acidity and a long-complex finish. Barrel fermentation and oak aging for 12 months have added hints of toasted almond, and spice cake to a subtle minerality on the finish.

2015 THREE SISTERS CHARDONNAY

\$48 | Extremely Limited

This Chardonnay comes from two selected blocks of the Three Sisters Vineyard on the third coastal ridge from the ocean, near the town of Seaview. Maybe the most Burgundian Chardonnay in our portfolio, this seductive Chardonnay displays explosive aromas of lime blossom, Meyer lemon with underlying mineral notes. On the palate, the wine displays tension between bright acidity and cool-climate structure framed with flavors of ripe apple and lemon custard. This wine is delightfully elegant upon release but will continue to gain complexity with bottle age for 3 to 5 years.

2016 ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$28 | Extremely Limited

Our eleventh release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir is entirely Martini Clone Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from our Martaella Vineyard. We whole-cluster press Pinot Noir grapes to produce an elegant and vibrant Rose. The juice is fermented in older French oak barrels, providing some additional texture and richness. This wine is a delightful accompaniment to a light summer lunch, a leisurely picnic or a laid-back summer evening. This Rosé has vibrant cranberry and late-summer watermelon aromas, echoing flavors, all supported by bright acidity and a tart cherry like finish.

2015 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR

\$40 | Limited

This blend is a collection of heirloom clones of Pinot Noir like Calera, Swan, Pommard, Mt. Eden, and Chalona as well as newer French selections like Dijon 777 & 943. The incredibly low yields in 2015 provided the raw materials to produce a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir with intense acidity and tremendous texture. Aromas are

dominated by red fruit tones of raspberry and explosive Bing cherry. The vibrant aromas expand and give way to wild strawberry, toasted brioche and allspice. On the palate, the wine has a persistent flavor of black cherry, bright acidity and firm but fine tannins that should allow for mid-term cellaring. As always, the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

2014 BELLA UNA PINOT NOIR

\$80 | Extremely Limited

We are extremely excited to reintroduce Bella Una with this 2014 vintage. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from our Martaella Vineyard and our Tilton Hill Vineyard were chosen for this intense and dynamic Pinot Noir. Rich and seductive aromas vine ripened blackberry mingle with nutmeg, sandalwood and blackberry. On the palate, the wines juicy mouthfeel is supported by the fine grain tannins on the long and lingering finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet. It is gorgeous now but will improve with 5-7 years of bottle aging.

2014 SONOMA MOUNTAIN GRENACHE

\$40 | Extremely Limited

This Grenache comes from the Four Brothers Vineyard along the north-western slope of Sonoma Mountain. The vineyard is situated in a cool microclimate because of its proximity to the cold winds and fog that blow through the Estero Gap from the Pacific Ocean. Cracked white pepper and Provencal herb aromas give into flavors of pomegranate and alpine strawberries. The lifted aromas are followed by flavor of red currant, melted licorice and grilling spices. Oak aging in neutral barrel for 15 months have added hints of savory herbs, grilled meats and aged mesquite to this complex and delicious wine.





THE RETURN OF BELLA UNA

Our Bella Una is only produced when vintage conditions and quality of the fruit from our Estate vineyards are truly exceptional and when a level of precision in the wine is achieved that elevates it to rarefied company. Winemaker Mike Sullivan declared 2014 such a vintage, the first since 2011, and only produced 200 cases.

Benovians: Beautiful Together

Named by a fellow Benovian, Bella Una means “beautiful together” and defines the proprietary blend of the best Pinot Noir from our Estate Vineyards as well the close relationship between our winery and its loyal members, called Benovians.

Winemaking Notes

Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from our Martaella Vineyard and our Tilton Hill Vineyard were chosen for this intense and dynamic Pinot Noir. We decided to leave 35% of the clusters intact (whole-cluster) and the fermentation was completed by indigenous yeast fermentation in open top tanks. A rich and seductive wine with both power and restraint, this gorgeous wine is not to be missed! It is hard to resist drinking the Bella Una now, but it will continue to improve with 5-7 years of bottle aging.

If you don't recall what this wine tastes like, come visit us at the Martaella Estate Vineyard for a tasting. To book a reservation please contact us at (707) 921-1040 or email teambenovia@benovia.com.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

*Events are subject to change. For the most up-to-date list,
Please visit our website: www.BenoviaWinery.com*

Benovia Ambassador Event

April 3, 2017
Dallas, TX

Invitations & event details will be emailed to Benovians in the area.

Benovia Ambassador Event

April 7, 2017
Houston, TX

Invitations & event details will be emailed to Benovians in the area.

Phoenix Spring Release Celebration

April 23, 2017
Phoenix, AZ

Benovia founders Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane invite you to enjoy an afternoon tasting of the spring release wines, engage with like-minded wine lovers and purchase additional wines. The event is invite-only based on your active purchase history and details will be emailed in the coming weeks.

Benovia Spring Release Celebration

May 6, 2017

Benovia Winery, Santa Rosa, CA

Join us for an afternoon of delicious wine and food! This is a great opportunity to pick up your spring allocation, taste the new releases and purchase additional wines. The event is invite-only based on your active purchase history and details will be emailed in the coming weeks.

Wine Spectator's Grand Tour

Join Benovia on the road! Three cities, three spectacular wine tastings. Travel through the world of great wine at the 2017 Wine Spectator Grand Tour. For more information or tickets please visit grandtour.winespectator.com

Las Vegas – May 6, 2017

Chicago – May 9, 2017

Miami – May 12, 2017

HOW TO ORDER

Simply log in to your secure account at: www.BenoviaWinery.com.

You can also place your order by calling us at 707-921-1040, or e-mail your order to: teambenovia@benovia.com

We value your friendship and patronage. If there is anything we can do to make your experience with Benovia more rewarding, please let us know.

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