



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2017  
**ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**HARVEST NOTES**

The spring of 2017 was the wettest on record, recorded since 1902, for Russian River Valley and Sonoma County. We welcomed the rainfall that filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater, after 5 consecutive years of drought. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with windy and foggy conditions, vines were able to set what looked like a larger than average crop. Several warm weeks in June, provided optimal conditions for vine growth and kept our vineyard manager on his toes. The summer conditions were ideal until an extreme heat spike in late August and early September, quickly ripened Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, and set off a fast paced picking schedule. Fortunately, all of our vineyards were harvested and wines were in barrel when on October 8th, Sonoma County experienced the worst firestorm in California history.

**WINEGROWER NOTES**

Our twelfth release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir in 100% 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.

**TASTING NOTES**

This wine is a delightful accompaniment to a light summer lunch, a leisurely picnic or a laid back summer evening. This Rosé has alpine strawberry and late summer watermelon aromas, echoing flavors, all supported by bright acidity and a tart cranberry finish.

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**VINEYARD SOURCES**  
*Martaella Estate Vineyard*

**HARVEST DATE**  
*August 16th, 2017*

**ALCOHOL**  
14.1%

**pH**  
3.19

**TA**  
0.71 g/100ml

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**FERMENTATION**  
*Whole cluster pressed and fermented with indigenous yeast*

**COOPERAGE**  
*Barrel fermented and aged in 100% neutral French Oak*

**BOTTLING**  
*February 2018*

**CASES PRODUCED**  
263 cases

**RELEASE DATE**  
*April 2018*