



BENOVIA
WINERY

2016

'LA POMMERAIE' CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



HARVEST NOTES

After 4 years of drought in Sonoma County the 2016 growing season started with abundant and consistent rainfall, replenishing reservoirs and recharging soils with much needed water. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with an early bud break. Light but consistent rainfall and moderate temperatures in the spring provided optimal conditions for rapid shoot growth and the growing season got off to a fast and furious pace. Temperatures during bloom were nearly perfect in the Russian River Valley resulting in yields that are likely at, or near, Sonoma County's historic average. The weather through the summer continued with warm days and cool nights, with very few heat spikes.

WINEGROWER NOTES

This spectacular vineyard sits along Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Green Valley AVA. Meticulously farmed and planted at a very high density of 2,420 vines per acre, the vineyard consists of Dijon clone 548 and 95. Once a spectacular apple orchard we pay homage to the Martinelli Family and the history of the site by naming the wine 'La Pommeraie,' French for apple orchard.

TASTING NOTES

Vivid aromas of citrus blossom, pineapple and green papaya. The vibrancy of aromas is matched by its opulent texture and layered flavors of candied orange rind and crème brûlée followed by a mineral laden finish. Indigenous yeast fermentation in French oak barrels and extended aging of 16 months on lees drives this wine's exceptional complexity.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

September 3rd and 5th, 2016

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.38

TA

0.68 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed, indigenous yeast fermentation and bi-weekly bâtonnage

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 35% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2018

CASES PRODUCED

304 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2018