



BENOVIA
WINERY

2016

‘LA POMMERAIE’ PINOT NOIR

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 Dijon clones 777 & 828 of Pinot Noir. 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

An extraordinary single vineyard Pinot Noir, this wine gives an immediate impression of depth and concentration in the glass, with remarkably explosive aromas of dark plum, black cherry and boysenberry. The palate is rich in texture, yet light on its feet, with fine-polished tannins and an exceptionally balanced acidity. Judicious use of whole clusters in the fermentation gives the wine a broad and satisfying mouthfeel.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard, farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

September 5th and 7th, 2016

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.59

TA

0.56 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 10 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost three weeks

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 41% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2018

CASES PRODUCED

392 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2018