



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



HARVEST NOTES

The winter and spring of 2017 were the wettest on record for Russian River Valley and Sonoma County. We welcomed rainfall that filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater after 5 consecutive years of drought. Spring temperatures were moderate with windy and foggy conditions and 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 to follow were ideal until an extreme heat spike in late August and early September accelerated ripening 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

Through intensively farming each vineyard site, our intent is to maximize the character and individuality of place and we do so utilizing the most progressive viticultural techniques. Harvested at night, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation. This blend is a collection of heirloom clones of Pinot Noir like Calera, Swan, Pommard, Mt. Eden, and Chalone as well as newer French selections like Dijon 777 & 943.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage provided a Russian River Valley Pinot Noir with intense fruit and spice aromas and a layered texture. Dominant aromas of Blackberry and Boysenberry give way to red plum, toasted brioche and allspice, while black fruits occupy the palate with integrated acidity and fine-grained tannins that allow for mid-term cellaring.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate, Cohn Estate, Tilton Hill Estate, Zio Tony Ranch Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

August 19th - September 15th, 2017

ALCOHOL

14.1%

pH

3.59

TA

0.60 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 8 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for over two weeks

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 37% new French Oak

BOTTLING

February 2019

CASES PRODUCED

1,450 cases

RELEASE DATE

March 2019