



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2018  
**ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**HARVEST NOTES**

Following a somewhat challenging 2017 harvest, we were blessed with an exceptional vintage in 2018. Our winemaker called the vintage 'a return to normal' in that the weather pattern was as usually expected for Sonoma County. Almost ideal conditions during flowering led to a generous cluster count and practically no shatter. The summer conditions were ideal, with cool and foggy mornings where the sun didn't peak through the marine layer until mid-day. The harvest conditions were quite cool and the vintage will be remembered for extended ripening and an exceptionally long hang time. The resulting vintage delivered very high quality and above average yields for all of our estate vineyards.

**WINEGROWER NOTES**

Our thirteenth release of the Rosé of Pinot Noir is the first time we have blended fruit from both our Martaella Estate and Tilton Hill Estate Vineyards. We harvested fruit in the early morning hours and whole-cluster pressed Pinot Noir grapes to produce an elegant and vibrant wine. The juice is fermented in older French oak barrels and stainless steel providing additional texture and richness.

**TASTING NOTES**

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

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**VINEYARD SOURCES**

*Martaella Estate & Tilton Hill Estate  
Vineyards*

**HARVEST DATE**

*August 16th, 2018*

**ALCOHOL**

*14.1%*

**pH**

*3.23*

**TA**

*0.70 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  
& Stainless Steel*

**BOTTLING**

*January 2019*

**CASES PRODUCED**

*446 cases*

**RELEASE DATE**

*March 2019*