



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2017  
**BELLA UNA PINOT NOIR**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**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**

'Bella Una' translated from Latin means beautiful together, and our winemaker selects barrels that reflect what he feels are the best expression of the vintage. Heirloom Pinot Noir clones predominantly from our Martaella Estate and Tilton Hill Estate Vineyards were chosen for this intense and dynamic Pinot Noir. We decided to leave 22% of the clusters intact (whole-cluster) and the fermentation was completed by indigenous yeast fermentation in open top tanks.

**TASTING NOTES**

Concentrated red fruit aromas mingle with nutmeg, orange zest and sandalwood spice followed by a succulent fruity mouthfeel that is uplifted by fine grain tannins and a persistent finish. A distinct representative of the vintage's finest contributions, this wine is both savory and intriguingly spicy.

**VINEYARD SOURCES**

*Martaella Estate, Tilton Hill Estate Vineyards  
& Zio Tony Ranch*

**HARVEST DATE**

*September 3rd - 22nd 2017*

**ALCOHOL**

*14.5%*

**pH**

*3.61*

**TA**

*0.59 g/100ml*

**FERMENTATION**

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

**COOPERAGE**

*16 months in French Oak 40% new French Oak*

**BOTTLING**

*February 2018*

**CASES PRODUCED**

*222 cases*

**RELEASE DATE**

*Fall 2019*