



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
'LA POMMERAIE' 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

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

Remarkable aromas of Marion berry, black cherry and boysenberry gives the immediate impression of depth and concentration in the glass. The palate is viscous and rich, yet extremely graceful, with fine-polished tannins and a balanced acidity. The inclusion of whole clusters in the fermentation contribute to a broader mouthfeel and improved age ability.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard, farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

August 31st & September 5th, 2017

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.61

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

525 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019