



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
MARTAELLA ESTATE VINEYARD 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 single-vineyard Pinot Noir from our estate vineyard at the winery is named in honor of the mothers of Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir. The grapes are harvested at night and the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to partial destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation. With ideal fruit and stem maturity, we decided for the second year to ferment several clones with 26% whole cluster for this vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby in color, vibrant raspberry, black plum, boysenberry and baking spice aromas flourish on the nose. A refreshingly juicy mouthfeel is buoyed by plum and pomegranate, which builds through the mid-palate and finishes satisfyingly with fine grain tannins. An intriguing blend of power and restraint this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately fruity.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

August 27th, September 5th, 8th, 9th 2017

ALCOHOL

14.3%

pH

3.62

TA

0.58 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

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

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 38% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2019

CASES PRODUCED

481 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019