



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
TILTON HILL ESTATE PINOT NOIR
SONOMA COAST



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 single vineyard Pinot Noir comes from our coldest estate vineyard, which is perched on a ridge top near the town of Freestone, located just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean in the Sonoma Coast AVA. We have planted both heirloom and Dijon clones of Pinot Noir that produce very small clusters to encourage early ripening. The grapes are harvested at night and then rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming into open top fermenters.

TASTING NOTES

Intense violet in color, this alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant fruit aromas of vine ripened raspberry and Santa Rosa plum harmonize with cigar box and baking spice and notes of forest floor. Heady aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors mixed berry and white pepper. On the palate the juicy red fruits compliment the velvet-like texture and spicy finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Tilton Hill Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

September 12th, 14th, 17th, 2017

ALCOHOL

14.4%

pH

3.56

TA

0.60 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 6 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for over two weeks

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 40% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2019

CASES PRODUCED

426 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019