



BENOVIA

WINERY

2019 Fall Release

THREE SISTERS VINEYARD

VERVE AND EXPRESSION FROM EXTREME COASTAL SITES

This Fall we welcome a new single vineyard Pinot Noir to our portfolio sourced from the historic Three Sisters Vineyard on the extremely cool and rugged Fort Ross-Seaview AVA. Yes, this is the very same vineyard we've been sourcing chardonnay from since 2008. The renowned and historic property just 2 miles from the Pacific Ocean has been owned by the Martinelli family since the 1860s and was maintained by family members Carolyn Charles and her two sisters, Charlotte and Donna, though Carolyn's branch of the family now owns the property outright.

It is ruggedly steep terrain which made the area more practical for the family to run livestock, cattle and sheep, than to farm crops in its early years. Their entire property eventually grew to be the largest sheep ranch in Sonoma County at one time. In 1980 the family retired from the sheep business and planted one of the first vineyards on the extreme Sonoma Coast, the Charles Ranch vineyard, which was planted to Chardonnay. Since then the Martinelli family has expanded its vineyard plantings to Blue Slide Ridge, Wild Thyme and Three Sisters, which was planted to both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir in the mid-1990's.

Three Sisters Vineyard, under the direction of Martinelli Winery's then-winemaker Helen Turley, helped give due recognition to and reveal the Fort Ross-Seaview area as ideal for cool-climate wines with verve, balance and expression.

It and neighboring vineyards, including Flowers, Failla, Hirsch, Wayfarer and Turley's own Marcassin, compelled this small chain of rugged coastal ridges, that emerge above the fog line like islands in the sky, to become one of California's most coveted regions for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

The site rises to approximately 1,100 feet elevation on average, with south and east facing aspects and extremely steep and rugged slopes approaching 35%. The Pinot Noir blocks are planted to Pommard, 115 and 777 clones on 101-14 and 3309 rootstocks in Josephine and Goldridge soils. The fruit benefits from the maritime influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean which provides cool daytime breezes during bright sunny days to ensure optimal ripening and chilly evening fog that encourages lively acidity and verve.



We only produced one barrel of our new 2017 Three Sisters Pinot Noir, which boasts ethereal aromatics of vine ripened strawberry and pomegranate that give way to East Asian spices of star anise and cardamom, and will only be available as an add-on allocation for Benovia Club Members at the Top of the Hill (2 bottles) and Winemaker's Path (2 bottles) tiers.

Price \$90 | Aging Potential: 3-7 years

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BY JAMES MATWIJKOW
HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATE



Hello! I'm James Matwijkow and you may know me from one of your fantastic tastings at Benovia's Ranch House hospitality center or as one of the busy bodies you see in the background setting up tables and booking

appointments with you over the phone. I am the grandson of Benovia Winery's founder Joe Anderson and could not be happier nor more honored to be establishing Benovia's tradition as a renowned family winery in the Russian River Valley. I have been an official part of the team since May of 2017 after I finished my B.A. of History at the University of Arizona.

Since this is the beginning of my wine journey I have committed myself to learning as much as possible in order to be of world-class service to you and the Benovia team. In this short period of time I have worked the 2017 harvest with our winemaker Mike Sullivan, the 2018 harvest in Tuscany & Veneto Italy with our esteemed friends the Allegrinis and worked hospitality at Oak Estate, a Winery Bistro on the North Island of New Zealand. Now I am back in the Benovia Ranch House and cannot wait to tell you about my adventures and our 2017 Pinot Noirs being released this fall.

2019 - A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To start the year off right, we were pleased to announce the North Bay Business Journal, which covers the wine industry extensively, **named Mike Sullivan Co-Owner & Winemaker of the Year** as part of the publication's 6th Annual Wine Industry Awards in January. "My main priority is to create wines that capture the essence of this place and this time, and for me, no wine reflects its place and time more than Pinot Noir," said Mike Sullivan. Benovia Winery followed that up by being voted **Best of Pinot Noir** by the readers of the North Bay Biz Magazine in May. The continuous hard work, focus and precision in both sustainable farming and contemporary winemaking by Mike and our production team also resulted in remarkable critical acclaim for twelve of our current release wines this year! We look forward to building upon this humbling praise with our new releases.

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JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Events are subject to change. For more events and the most up-to-date calendar visit our new events section on our website www.benoviawinery.com/events

BENOVIA WINE TASTING IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, OH | Thursday, October 24th TBD
at The Vault

FALL RELEASE CELEBRATION - CA

Santa Rosa, CA | Saturday October 26th 11am-3pm
Benovia Winery at Martaella Estate

FALL RELEASE CELEBRATION - AZ

Phoenix, AZ | Sunday November 3rd 2pm-5pm
at a private residence, by invitation only

BENOVIA WINE TASTING IN FT. MYERS

Ft. Myers, FL | December, 2019 TBD
at FineMark Bank

Stay tuned for more... We are excited to bring Benovia to you!

THE EXCLUSIVE BENOVIAN CLUB

The Benovian club continues to grow as we continue to add great new benefits, including the 2017 Three Sisters Pinot Noir club only wine this Fall. We continue to host more events at the winery and around the country, provide incredible shipping incentives and special rates for our guest cottage nestled in the vineyards of the Martaella Estate, and first class customer service! We invite you to join us on your wine journey as a Benovian and wine connoisseur, with highly acclaimed wines and a strong community. As a reminder, Exclusive Member Pricing applies to all Benovia Wine Orders for our Club Members.

For more information on joining the Benovian Club visit www.benoviawinery.com/membership

HOW TO ORDER

Simply log in to your secure account at: www.BenoviaWinery.com. You can also place your order by calling us at 707-921-1040 or e-mail your order to: teambenovia@benovia.com

We value your support and patronage. If there is anything we can do to make your experience with Benovia more rewarding, please let us know.

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BENOVIA® 2019 FALL RELEASE TASTING NOTES

The winter and spring of 2017 were the wettest on record, since 1902, for Russian River Valley and Sonoma County. We welcomed the rainfall that filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater after 5 consecutive years of drought. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy 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 were ideal until an extreme heat spike in late August and early September, quickly ripened Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, 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. — Mike Sullivan, Winemaker and Co-Owner



2017 LA POMMERAIE CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$52

Aromas of lemon custard and Fuji apple are accentuated by ginger and mineral notes and followed by opulent texture and layered flavors of apple and poached pear on the palate with a mineral laden finish. Indigenous yeast fermentation in French oak barrels and extended aging of 16 months on lees yields an expressive wine with exceptional complexity.

Aging Potential: 4-6 years | Production: 327 cases / 13 barrels

Source: Zio Tony Ranch

2017 LA POMMERAIE PINOT NOIR

\$65

Remarkable aromas of Marion berry, black cherry and boysenberry give 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 ageability.

Aging Potential: 6-8 years | Production: 525 cases / 21 barrels

Source: Zio Tony Ranch

2017 TILTON HILL ESTATE PINOT NOIR

SONOMA COAST

\$65

Intense violet in color, this hedonistic wine has alluring concentration and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant aromas of vine ripened raspberry and Santa Rosa plum harmonize with cigar box, baking spice and notes of coastal forest floor. Heady aromas lead to equally vivid flavors of mixed berries and white pepper. Juicy red fruits compliment a velvet-like texture on the palate with an appealing spicy finish.

Aging Potential: 6-8 years | Production: 426 cases / 17 barrels

Source: Tilton Hill Estate Vineyard

2017 BELLA UNA PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$85

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.

Aging Potential: 5-7 years | Production: 222 cases / 9 barrels

Source: Martaella Estate Vineyard, Tilton Hill Estate Vineyard, Zio Tony Ranch

2017 MARTAELLA ESTATE PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$65

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 with satisfying fine grain tannins. An intriguing blend of power and restraint this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately fruity.

Aging Potential: 6-8 years | Production: 481 cases / 19 barrels

Source: Martaella Estate Vineyard





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SPIRIT OF BENOVIA C-53 COMMEMORATES 75TH D-DAY

On June 6, 2019 about two dozen vintage warplanes, arriving from all over the world, took flight 75 years after D-Day and retraced the fateful crossing over the English Channel. Benovia's founder Joe Anderson was in formation alongside them with his 1942 C-53, The Spirit of Benovia.

"When you bring WWII veterans into the cockpit and you see the look in their eyes, it's like they become 20 years old again." ~ Joe Anderson

Joe's plane once carried troops and supplies over the Himalayas in the campaign against the Japanese and now bears the name of our winery. The son and nephew of WWII vets and a longtime aviation enthusiast, Joe accepted this commemorative mission, flying in stages from Santa Monica (where the plane was manufactured) and greeting WWII veterans in several U.S. cities before making the trip across the Atlantic. Several vets autographed the wall behind the pilot's seat.



To raise money for the D-Day Squadron and the journey, we launched a cuvée of Pinot Noir, called "Liberation." A single-clone bottling from the Tilton Hill vineyard in the Sonoma Coast appellation, it's adorned with D-Day label art from artist Craig Kodera. \$70 | Extremely Limited

