



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
ZINFANDEL
SONOMA COUNTY



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

Planted in 1970, this hillside vineyard is planted on a steep, rocky slope on our estate at the northern end of the Russian River Valley. We dry-farm these gnarled vines to produce small and compact clusters with incredible fruit intensity and bright acidity. After cluster sorting, destemming and berry sorting this wine was fermented utilizing open-top fermenters and the wine is aged in thin staved Bordeaux barrels on fine lees, without racking.

TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits lively aromas of vine-ripened loganberries, cinnamon and nutmeg spices. On the palate the wines exuberant fruit is in perfect harmony with bright acidity, fine grained tannin and a spice-laden finish. Utilizing Burgundian techniques produce an elegant and restrained Zinfandel, while still capturing the intensity of the varietal. This wine is delicious upon release but will benefit from 3-7 years of cellar aging.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Cohn Estate Vineyard, planted 1970

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 5 days, open top fermentation

HARVEST DATE

September 13th , 2017

COOPERAGE

34% new French Oak, Chateau Frères barrels

ALCOHOL

15.2%

BOTTLING

February 2019

pH

3.64

CASES PRODUCED

486 cases

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0.59 g/100ml

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2020