



BENOVIA
WINERY

2018
“LIBERATION”
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



HARVEST NOTES

Our winemaker called the vintage ‘a return to normal,’ as the growing season was long and harvest conditions were exceptional with long hangtime and a slow and predictable harvest. Almost ideal conditions during flowering led to a generous cluster count and almost no shatter. The summer conditions were ideal, with cool (foggy) mornings where the sun didn’t peek through the marine layer until lunchtime. The harvest conditions were quite cool, and the vintage will be remembered for extended ripening and an exceptionally long hang time. The resulting vintage delivered very high quality and above average yields for all our estate vineyards.

WINEGROWER NOTES

This blend was created by our winemaker Mike Sullivan to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy. This Pinot Noir comes from two of our estate vineyards, Martaella and Tilton Hill, as well as La Pommeraiie near the town of Sebastopol, all in the Russian River Valley AVA. We have sourced both heirloom and Dijon clones of Pinot Noir that produce very small clusters that encourage early ripening. The grapes are harvested at night, and then rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming into open top fermenters.

TASTING NOTES

Deep violet in color, this alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant fruit aromas of wild strawberry and raspberry soufflé harmonize with East-Indian spice notes and notes of forest floor. Heady aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors of black raspberry, Queen Anne cherry and white pepper. On the palate the juicy red fruits compliment the velvet-like texture and spicy finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate, Tilton Hill Estate & Zio Tony Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

September 15th, 2018

ALCOHOL

14.1%

pH

3.59

TA

0.62 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

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

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 45% new French Oak

BOTTLING

February 2020

CASES PRODUCED

78 cases

RELEASE DATE

May 2020