



BENOVIA
WINERY

2018
BELLA UNA PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



HARVEST NOTES

Mike Sullivan, co-owner & winemaker, calls the 2018 vintage 'a welcomed return to normal,' as the growing season was long and harvest conditions were exceptional. Almost ideal conditions during flowering led to a generous cluster count and very little shatter, which can occur when the grapevine's flowers do not properly develop into berries. Summer conditions were also ideal, with cool foggy mornings where the sun didn't peek through the marine layer until midday. Harvest conditions were quite cool, and the vintage will be remembered for extended ripening and an exceptionally long hang time. The resulting vintage delivered extremely high quality and above average yields for all our estate vineyards.

WINEGROWER NOTES

'Bella Una' translated from Latin means beautiful together, and our winemaker only selects barrels that reflect what he feels are the best expression of the vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated aromas of Lilac, rose petals and wild strawberry unite with nutmeg and sandalwood spice on the nose. On the palate, intense red and dark fruits are buoyed by fine-grained tannins with a persistent and gratifying finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate, Tilton Hill Estate Vineyards
& Zio Tony Ranch

HARVEST DATE

September 3rd - 22nd 2018

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.61

TA

0.59 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

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

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak, 40% new

BOTTLING

March 2020

CASES PRODUCED

160 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2020