



BENOVIA
WINERY

2018
“COURAGEOUS CARE”
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 crafted to memorialize the tireless efforts of Margaret Foley and all first responders. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir. The grapes are harvested at night and the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to partial destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation. With ideal fruit and stem maturity, we decided for the second year to ferment several clones with approximately 25% whole cluster inclusion for this vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby in color the vibrant raspberry, Bing cherry and sarsaparilla aromas almost leap from the glass. On the palate the juicy mouthfeel of the wine is supported by cherry and blackberry flavors, building through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

VINEYARD SOURCES
Martaella Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE
September 12th, 2018

ALCOHOL
14.1%

pH
3.65

TA
0.60 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
March 2020

CASES PRODUCED
94 cases

RELEASE DATE
July 2020