



BENOVIA
WINERY

2018

'LA POMMERAIE' CHARDONNAY

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

This vineyard, farmed by the Martinelli family, sits along Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Green Valley AVA. Meticulously farmed and planted at a very high density of 2,420 vines per acre, this site is planted to Dijon clones 548 and 95. Once a spectacular apple orchard we pay homage to the Martinelli Family and the history of the site by naming the wine 'La Pommeraie,' the French term for apple orchard.

TASTING NOTES

Intense aromas of lemon, guava and tropical notes are accentuated by light toast and honey. Aromas vibrantly harmonize with an opulent texture, crème brulee and layered flavors of poached pear and Fuji apple on the palate which are lifted by a refreshingly mineral-laden finish.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

September 2nd, 2018

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.26

TA

0.68 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed, indigenous yeast fermentation and weekly bâtonnage

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak, 30% new

BOTTLING

March 2020

CASES PRODUCED

442cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2020