



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2018  
**MARTAELLA ESTATE 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**

Martaella is the largest of our estate vineyards and named in honor of the mothers of Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones were planted on this 42 acre site producing an intense yet restrained Pinot Noir. Grapes are harvested at night to retain freshness and acidity, rigorously hand sorted prior to partial destemming and judicious use of whole-cluster inclusion for fermentation.

**TASTING NOTES**

Lively aromas of plum, boysenberry and Bing cherry followed by nutmeg and baking spice. An intriguing blend of both power and restraint, the palate expresses profound notes of cranberry and pomegranate reinforced by a savory mouthfeel from refined tannins and structure.

**VINEYARD SOURCES**

*Martaella Estate Vineyard*

**HARVEST DATE**

*August 27th, September 5th, 8th, 9th 2018*

**ALCOHOL**

14.3%

**pH**

3.62

**TA**

0.58 g/100ml

**FERMENTATION**

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

**COOPERAGE**

*16 months in French Oak, 38% new*

**BOTTLING**

*March 2020*

**CASES PRODUCED**

*289 cases*

**RELEASE DATE**

*Fall 2020*