



BENOVIA

Winery

2019 Russian River Valley
Chardonnay
'La Pommeraie'

Harvest Notes:

The vintage began with record-breaking precipitation in the months of February and March, refilling irrigation ponds and recharging groundwater. The excessive late winter and spring rainfall delayed budbreak and got the growing season off to a slow start. Cool and mild Spring weather was followed by an unseasonable rainfall in early May 2019. The rain delayed and interrupted set and reduced yields by as much as 20 percent at a couple estate vineyards. The balance of the growing season and the end of the vintage was almost picture perfect, with a cool August and September. We enjoyed a long hang time and a slow and calculated harvest.

Winegrower Notes:

This spectacular vineyard sits along Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Green Valley AVA. Meticulously farmed and planted at a very high-density of 2420 vines per acre, the vineyard is planted to Dijon clone 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' – French for apple orchard.

Tasting Notes:

Focused aromas of lemon blossom and Asian Pear are accentuated by candied ginger and mineral notes. The vibrancy of the wines' aromatics is matched by its opulent texture and layered flavors of spiced apple and poached pear, followed by a mineral laden finish. Indigenous yeast fermentation in French oak barrels and extended aging of 16 months on lees has produced a wine with exceptional complexity.

Vineyard Sources:	George Martinelli, Zio Tony Vineyard
Harvest data:	September 13 th Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.41, TA 0.61
Fermentation:	Whole cluster pressed, indigenous yeast fermentation and weekly <i>battonage</i>
Cooperage:	16 months in French Oak - 36% new French Oak
Bottling:	Spring 2021
Cases produced:	267 cases
Release Date:	Fall 2021
Drinking Window:	2-6 years of vintage