



2019 Russian River Valley
Pinot Noir
'La Pommeraie'

BENOVIA
Winery

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:

This extraordinary single-vineyard Pinot Noir gives an immediate impression of depth and concentration in the glass with remarkably explosive aromas of Marionberry, black cherry, and boysenberry. This vintage of La Pommeraie Pinot Noir is unusually elegant and lithe with fine-polished tannins and exceptionally balanced acidity. Although delicious upon release, we expect this wine to improve with cellaring for 6-8 years from vintage date.

Vineyard Sources: George Martinelli, Zio Tony Vineyard
Harvest data: September 5th and 12th
Alcohol 14.5%, pH 3.64, TA 0.55
Fermentation: Cold soaked for 6 days, indigenous yeast fermentation
Cooperage: 16 months in French Oak 37 % new French Oak
Bottling: Spring 2021
Cases produced: 318 cases
Release Date: Fall 2021
Drinking Window: 2-8 years of vintage