



2019 Martaella Vineyard
Russian River Valley
Pinot Noir

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 is now the third release of this spectacular single-vineyard Pinot Noir from our winery estate vineyard, named in honor of Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane's mothers. Only Heirloom Pinot Noir clones were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir. The grapes, harvested at night, were 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 ~30% whole cluster for this vintage.

Tasting Notes:

Deep ruby in color, the vibrant raspberry, boysenberry, and baking spice aromas almost leap from the glass. On the palate the wines' juicy mouthfeel is supported by pomegranate and dark cherry, building through the mid-palate to fine grain tannins on the finish. With an intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

Vineyard Sources:	Martaella Vineyard (Estate)
Harvest data:	September 5 th , 8 th , 9 th , 14 th Alcohol 14.3%, pH 3.62, TA 0.58
Fermentation:	Cold soaked for 6 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost two weeks
Cooperage:	42% new French Oak
Bottling:	Spring 2021
Cases produced:	495 cases
Release Date:	Fall 2021
Drinking Window:	2-8 years of vintage