



BENOVIA

WINERY

2015 Fall Release

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BENOVIA'S TABLE AT SONOMA WINE AUCTION 2014

BENOVIA SUPPORTS SONOMA WINE COUNTRY WEEKEND

Community service has always been incredibly important to Benovia co-founders Mary Dewane & Joe Anderson, so they were thrilled and humbled to accept an invitation from the organizers of Sonoma Wine Country Weekend to co-chair the event, along with Jean-Charles Boisset of Boisset Collection.

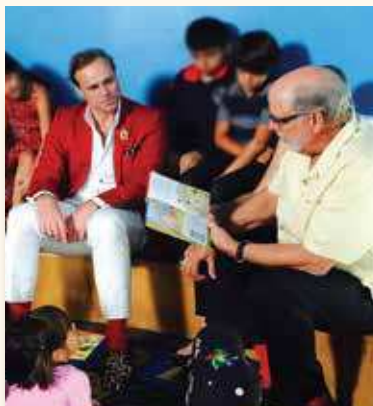
At the heart of Sonoma Wine Country Weekend is a spirited auction that raises much needed money for "Fund the Future," a valuable endeavor to improve literacy rates throughout Sonoma County. Last year, \$1.7 million was raised for "Fund the Future," and Mary, Joe and Jean-Charles hope to inspire friends and wine enthusiasts to raise even more this year since there is still such a great need amongst our children in our county!

We often don't think of something as essential as the ability to read, but consider this: from Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, children learn to read –

but from 4th Grade on, they read to learn. Studies have shown that if a child cannot read proficiently by 3rd Grade, their chances for success in life are greatly diminished, and pitfalls include dropping out of high school, fewer options for sustainable employment and increased crime rates. It's a cause that is close to Mary & Joe's heart, as one of Joe's grandchildren had difficulty learning to read, so they know all too well the challenges some children face.

"The literacy programs that are supported by Fund the Future will benefit the children of many of the people who work with us at the winery," said Mary. "We are all in this together and I'm so proud that our efforts will help folks we work with every day." "As vintners, we don't build a winery for just one vintage, we build it for many years to come," added Joe. "We have to think of our community the same way! By supporting Fund the Future, we are strengthening our community. If kids can't read, they can't succeed."

What are you doing over Labor Day Weekend? Mary & Joe invite friends of Benovia to join them for Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, September 4 – 6, 2015. For tickets and much more information, please visit www.SonomaWineCountryWeekend.com If you cannot attend the Sonoma Harvest Wine Auction every donation no matter how big or small is appreciated and checks for Fund the Future can be sent to the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Foundation: 783 Broadway, Sonoma, California 95476; Attention Fund the Future Donation.



Jean-Charles Boisset and Joe Anderson reading to local school children



CHRIS'S CORNER

BY CHRIS KANGAS
BENOVIA VINEYARD MANAGER



I have been part of the Benovia team for the last six years. As vineyard manager, I am responsible for farming Benovia's 72 acres of vineyards in Sonoma County. I grew up in Santa Rosa, where I first fell in love with viticulture and have been farming for the last 31 vintages. I have a deep appreciation for Sonoma County and a respect for the environment, having seen

what small changes in climate can do to delicate grapes like Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Russian River Valley has a unique combination of rich geologic history, fog patterns, topography and climate that come together to create our world-class winegrowing destination. I know that every action we take in the vineyard has an impact on the environment. As a result I embrace my role as a custodian of the land and I look to integrate environmentally sensitive farming practices as well as better ways to protect our air, soil and water.

Agriculture is a tremendous part of the fabric here in Sonoma County, with wine being one of the its largest industries. There is a long heritage of small family farms and we, at Benovia, feel it is important to preserve this way of life for future generations. Sustainability is complex, but the results are simple – the land stays preserved in agriculture, people are safe, the environment is respected and the business endures.

The Sonoma County Winegrowers (SCW) has made a commitment that 100 percent of Sonoma County vineyards will be sustainable in the next five years. At Benovia we embrace this goal, and as of this year, we have certified all of our vineyards to help SCW meet this goal. Benovia owns and farms three distinctive estate vineyards in Sonoma County: Cohn, Martaella, and Tilton Hill. Starting more than four years ago we began to farm the Cohn vineyard organically and as of 2015 we have organic certification (CCOF). We farm the Martaella and Tilton Hill vineyards using environmentally sensitive farming practices and reached the goal of certified sustainability in 2015 as well.

We think that our customers are passionate about sustainable farming and we want them to know that we are just as passionate about doing our part for the environment and preserving Sonoma agriculture for the future.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

Events are subject to change. For the most up-to-date list, please visit our website: www.BenoviaWinery.com

Sonoma Wine Country Weekend

September 4th – 6th, 2015 – MacMurray Ranch & multiple venues around Sonoma County

www.sonomawinecountryweekend.com

Join Benovia Winery owners and honorary co-chairs for this year's Sonoma Wine Country Weekend, Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane. Immerse yourself in food and wine culture of Sonoma County at this wonderful and iconic event. More than 200 wineries pouring thousands of wines, will pair with 60 local chefs to whip up some divine pairing.

Pinot on the River

October 25th, (Sunday) 2015 – Healdsburg Plaza, Healdsburg, CA
www.pinotfestival.com

In the heartland of the Russian River Valley you will have the chance to taste many great Pinot Noirs from small, artisan producers who are passionate about Pinot made right here in the greatest Pinot Noir area of the US. There will be over 100 wineries pairing wine with artisan food vendors all on the Healdsburg Plaza Square.

Russian River Valley Winegrowers – Single Vineyard Night

November 4th, 2015 – Golden Gate Club at the Presidio, San Francisco
www.rrvw.org

Don't miss this unmatched tasting event highlighting single vineyard wines from the Russian River Valley. Dozens of Russian River Valley wineries will showcase their limited-production, hand crafted wines.

Benovia Fall Open House

November 7th, 2015 – Benovia Winery, Santa Rosa, CA
Join us for our release party on Saturday, November 7th at Benovia Winery. Try the 2013 single vineyard wines, pick up your orders and enjoy some delicious food.

Russian River Valley Winegrowers – Single Vineyard Night

November 12th, 2015 – Tsakopoulos Library Galleria, Sacramento
www.rrvw.org

Don't miss this unmatched tasting event highlighting single vineyard wines from the Russian River Valley. Dozens of Russian River Valley wineries will showcase their limited-production, hand crafted wines.

Phoenix Open House

November 15th, 2015 – Phoenix, AZ
A great chance for folks in Arizona to taste the fall release wines, meet other wine lovers and generally have fun on a Sunday afternoon with winery owners Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane and Mike Sullivan. If you live in Arizona, we will email you with more details about three weeks before the event.

HOW TO ORDER

Simply log in to your secure account at: www.BenoviaWinery.com. For your convenience, we have printed your Benovia Account User ID in the upper right-hand corner of the main page. You can also place your order by calling us at 707-921-1040, or e-mail your order to: Orders@BenoviaWinery.com

We value your friendship and patronage. If there is anything we can do to make your experience with Benovia more rewarding, please let us know.

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BENOVIA® 2015 FALL RELEASE TASTING NOTES

With very little rainfall in the beginning of the year, the 2013 vintage got off to an early start and ran early all the way through harvest. It seems as though 2013 was a bit of a Goldilocks vintage, not too hot and not too cold. Because of the abundance of sunshine and temperatures that rarely spiked above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, we saw even flowering, veraison and very uniform ripening. The almost perfect weather at harvest allowed us to harvest each variety and clone at its optimal ripeness, flavor and balance.

2013 CHARDONNAY, LA POMMERAIE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$48 | Very Limited

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 clones 548 and 95. Once a thriving apple orchard, we pay homage to the Martinelli Family and the history of the site by naming the wine 'La Pommeraié'— French for apple orchard. This intense and concentrated single vineyard Chardonnay begins with vivid aromas of green papaya, pineapple and citrus blossom. The vibrancy of the wine's aroma is matched by its opulent texture and layered flavors of candied lemon and dried apricot with a tremendously bright acidity and 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.

2013 MARTAELLA VINEYARD PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$56 | Limited

This is the second vintage of this single vineyard Pinot Noir from our estate vineyard at the winery that is named in honor of the mothers of Joe Anderson and Mary Dewane. Only heritage clones of Pinot Noir were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir and we decided to ferment the grapes with a high percentage of whole clusters (~25%). Deep ruby in color, the vibrant raspberry and cola aromas almost leap from the glass. On the palate, the wine's juicy mouth feel is supported by ample acidity building with wild berry fruit through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

2013 COHN VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

\$70 | Very Limited

This flagship wine is from our oldest estate vineyard that was planted in 1970 and would be considered old by California standards. Planted to a massale selection of Pinot Noir (likely Martini and Pommard) our vineyard outdates other plantings in Russian River by nearly 20 years. We dry-farm these gnarled vines to produce small and compact clusters with tremendous flavor. We harvest the vineyard at night under lights and hand-sort every cluster of fruit from this organically farmed vineyard. A gorgeously intense aroma of spring flowers, Queen Anne cherries with red raspberry fruit and mineral notes, follows the wine's medium ruby color.

2013 TILTON HILL VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, SONOMA COAST

\$56 | Limited

Perched on a ridge top near the town of Freestone, Tilton Hill is our coldest vineyard site and lies just a few miles from the Pacific Ocean. The shallow and well drained soils, known as Goldridge, are nearly perfect for growing Pinot Noir so close to the coastline. The high

density planting here has produced a wine with dark fruit aromas and an almost savage intensity, just like the wild Sonoma Coast itself. Deep violet in color, this alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. Vibrant fruit aromas of wild strawberry and raspberry soufflé harmonize with sassafras, forest floor and East-Indian spice notes. Heady aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors of black raspberry, Mariposa Plum and white pepper. On the palate, the juicy red fruits compliment the velvet-like texture and spicy finish.

2013 LA POMMERAIE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

\$56 | Very Limited

This ridge top vineyard sits along the neighborhood of Laguna Ridge in the Russian River AVA. Gravenstein apples have given way to newer selections of Pinot Noir from Burgundy; Dijon Pinot Noir clones 777 & 828. This extraordinary single vineyard Pinot Noir gives an immediate impression of depth and concentration in the glass, with remarkably explosive aromas of boysenberry and vine ripened black raspberry. The palate is viscous and rich, yet light on its feet, with fine-polished tannins and an exceptionally balanced acidity. The 2013 vintage is the first time that we fermented this vineyard with some whole cluster (~15%). Although delicious upon release, we expect this wine to improve with cellaring for 6-8 years from vintage date.

2013 ZINFANDEL, SONOMA COUNTY

\$38 | Limited

Planted in 1970, this hillside vineyard is on a steep and rocky slope on our estate at the northern end of Russian River Valley. Farmed organically and with minimal irrigation these gnarled vines produce small clusters with incredible fruit intensity. This wine exhibits lively aromas of vine-ripened blackberries, mulberry and baking spices. On the palate, the wine's exuberant boysenberry fruit is in perfect harmony with bright acidity, fine-grained tannin and a spice-laden finish.





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IT'S ALL ABOUT FAMILY AT BENOVIA WINERY

A TRIBUTE TO THE FATHERS OF JOE ANDERSON
AND MARY DEWANE, PROPRIETORS

This is a story about two men from the "greatest generation" who never met but whose lives converged in ways they could never have foreseen.

Novian Anderson fought in North Africa and at the 1944 Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy during World War II. He came home highly decorated but a changed man.

Like many farmers of his day, John Benedict Dewane (Ben to family and friends) was exempted from military service. He spent the war years -- in fact, most of his life -- at his farm near Denmark, Wisconsin.

One of Novian's sons, Joe, and one of Ben's daughters, Mary, met and married. They settled in Phoenix, Arizona, and split their time between there and Healdsburg, California, where they own a home and vineyard. They also founded a winery outside Santa Rosa, California, which they named "Benovia" by combining their fathers' first names.

Ben and Novian were faithful Catholics. Neither was demonstrably affectionate, but showed their love for their children in other ways. They taught them similar values -- work hard, do your best, and work will have its own reward.

While Novian at times was almost an introvert, Ben was more outgoing. Both attended church every Sunday, were Knights of Columbus and were church ushers.

JOHN BENEDICT "BEN" DEWANE

Ben was born to a devout Irish Catholic family.

He farmed mostly to provide feed for his 100 head of dairy cows and other animals. The farm, the church and the family were at the center of Ben's life.

"He was kind of quiet but when people got to know him they really liked him," says Peg.

His children paint a Norman Rockwell image of their dad -- a well-liked farmer tending dairy cows with a collie at his side, his children doing farm chores or playing in the nearby woods and rivers.



"Ben" Dewane

"His day began early, like 4 a.m.," says Peg. "His days were very long, especially in the spring planting the crops and in the fall harvesting them."

Mary remembers her dad teaching her to drive the tractor at age 7.

"Everybody had chores," says his son John. "From feeding and milking the cows to spring planting and fall harvesting, we all had plenty to do. Every Saturday...we had to clean out the calf pens. We didn't have much mechanization but we had plenty of manure forks."

Ben followed the Milwaukee Braves and later the Brewers, as well as the Green Bay Packers. He loved to travel and accompanied his son Frank on trips to Russia, Europe and Ireland. "He knew so much about everything -- history, politics," says Peg. "Yet he was very humble."

She also recalls that "he got the biggest kick out of us kids. He loved to play with us. He wasn't much of a swimmer but he took up swimming so he could go in the lakes with us kids."

Ben was proud of his Irish heritage. "He liked his beer and his Irish whiskey," says Mary. "He wasn't a 'hardy-har-har' kind of guy. He was more on the quiet side, very sweet but very engaging with other people."

With the children grown and gone, Ben retired in the late 1970s and sold the dairy herd. He and his wife, Eleanor, remained on the farm and maintained a huge garden, growing vegetables and his prized gladiolas. St. James Catholic Church in nearby Cooperstown had more than enough flowers, especially gladiolas, thanks to Ben.

Ben died in 2000 at age 86. Eleanor passed away four years later. "He raised four kids and we turned out fairly decently," says John. "He set a good example for us -- we should live right and treat other people right."

"I think the major thing he imparted to his children was his faith and the importance of the community," said Frank, a Catholic bishop with the Diocese of Venice in Florida. "You have to give back and have a real respect for the community around you, as well as nature."



"Ben" Dewane



THE NAME BENOVIA IS A COMBINATION OF MARY'S FATHER'S NAME, BEN AND JOE'S FATHER'S NAME, NOVIAN.

NOVIAN ANDERSON

Novian grew up in copper mining towns in Arizona. He was born in Douglas, where his dad was a tool and die maker for the Phelps Dodge Corp. (PD). A star track and basketball player at Clarkdale High School, he loved acting in school plays. After high school, he worked as a machinist at the PD copper smelter and became a leader in the Mill and Mine Workers Union.

Laid off during the Depression, he worked on CCC and WPA projects, then enlisted in the Army in 1938 and became a tank officer. Around this time, Novian fell in love with and married Martha Washington, a school teacher from Prescott, Ariz.

With the attack on Pearl Harbor, Novian's 755th Tank Battalion, which trained under General George Patton in the Mohave Desert, then was deployed to North Africa. Later, his unit entered the Italian conflict and fought in the Battle of Monte Cassino. With 55,000 Allied casualties, this was one of the bloodiest campaigns of World War II. Novian was one of the few original officers of the 755th to survive three years of deployment. Among his many citations, he was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Croix de Guerre, reflecting the intensity of his service.

"I think – as we look back -- my dad had PTSD, because he was in some horrific battles," says his daughter, Mary Carzoli.

After the war he buried himself in work, family, and church, never wanting to discuss his wartime experience. He worked for the state Employment Service and remained in the Army Reserve and National Guard. Reactivated for the Korean War, Novian spent most of his time as a tank training officer at



Novian Anderson

Camp Roberts in California and as an intelligence officer in Japan.

Returning home, he again immersed himself in work. By day, he was a traveling high school guidance counselor. On weekends, he was a mechanic at an automobile dealership in Prescott. One weekend a month and two weeks each summer he was active in the Army Reserve, eventually retiring as a major.



Novian Anderson

"He had a natural ability for personal interaction and our friends would seek his counsel when they were unsure about what to do with their life," says son George.

"He thought work was part of everybody's personal growth," says Joe. When we were kids, we mowed lawns and all kinds of stuff like that."

While he stressed hard work, he loved playing cards, especially poker and cribbage, and he liked fast, loud cars. He maintained his touch with a basketball. "George and I would go behind the house and shoot hoops and he'd come home from work and join us," says Joe. "He had a two-handed set shot and that ball would just go 'swish, swish.'"

He also liked golf and was particularly proud of his trophy for a hole-in-one at a short nine in Phoenix.

"His military training as a transportation officer came in handy as he taught all us how to drive," says Joe. "In addition, he taught me how to repair my cars."

Novian died Nov. 20, 2000, at age 86. He is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix, the final resting place for many World War II and Korean War soldiers.