



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2015  
**'LA POMMERAIE' CHARDONNAY**  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



**HARVEST NOTES**

A warm February and March led to early bud break in 2015. The warm winter transitioned to May temperatures that were actually colder than in January and February. These cold temperatures at bloom delayed flowering and fruit set was compromised. The poor set resulted in a reduction of yields by as much as 50% in some of our vineyards. The summer weather consisted of characteristic cool nights and foggy morning and resulted in veraison that was nearly two weeks ahead of 2014. The harvest was our earliest on record for Benovia and ended quickly due to the low yields.

**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 2,420 vines per acre, the vineyard consists of 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 intense and concentrated single vineyard Chardonnay begins with vivid aromas of citrus blossom, pineapple and green papaya. The vibrancy of the wine's aromas is matched by its opulent texture and layered flavors of candied orange rind and crème brûlée with 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**

Zio Tony Vineyard farmed by George Martinelli

**HARVEST DATE**

September 3rd and 5th, 2015

**ALCOHOL**

14.5%

**pH**

3.21

**TA**

0.72 g/100ml

**FERMENTATION**

Whole cluster pressed, indigenous yeast fermentation and bi-weekly bâtonnage

**COOPERAGE**

16 months in French Oak 35% new French Oak

**BOTTLING**

March 2017

**CASES PRODUCED**

305 cases

**RELEASE DATE**

Fall 2017