



BENOVIA
WINERY

2015
'LA POMMERAIE' PINOT NOIR
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 mornings 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 Dijon clones 777 & 828 of Pinot Noir. 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 dark plum and boysenberry. The palate is viscous and rich, yet light on its feet, with fine-polished tannins and an exceptionally balanced acidity. Whole clusters were once again included in the fermentation to give the wine a broader mouthfeel. Although delicious upon release, we expect this wine to improve with cellaring for 6-8 years from vintage date.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard, farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

September 5th and 7th, 2015

ALCOHOL

14.3%

pH

3.50

TA

0.58 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 10 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for almost three weeks

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 41% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2017

CASES PRODUCED

300 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2017