



BENOVIA
WINERY

2015
COHN ESTATE PINOT NOIR
SONOMA COUNTY



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

Planted in 1970, this spectacular Pinot Noir Vineyard would be considered old by California standards. Planted to a massale selection of Pinot Noirs (likely Martini 13 and Pommard) our vineyard outdates most other plantings in the Russian River Valley by 20+ years. Farmed organically and with minimal irrigation, these gnarled vines to produce small and compact clusters with yields of just over 1 ton per acre. Harvested at night, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation.

TASTING NOTES

This flagship wine from our oldest estate vineyard produced a painfully low yield of just over one ton per acre. A medium ruby color is followed by gorgeously intense aromas of meadow herbs, Queen Anne cherries, and intense mineral notes. Year after year this site has the hallmark of an ethereally-floral aromatic quality, with sensual texture and an impressive length. We have been very impressed with this vintage from Cohn and look forward to how it will age for years to come.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Cohn Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

September 4th, 2015

ALCOHOL

14.1%

pH

3.81

TA

0.57 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Cold soaked for 8 days, indigenous yeast fermentation lasted for nearly two weeks

COOPERAGE

46% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2017

CASES PRODUCED

325 cases

RELEASE DATE

Spring 2018