



**BENOVIA**  
WINERY

2016  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY PINOT NOIR



**HARVEST NOTES**

After 4 years of drought in Sonoma County the 2016 growing season started with abundant and consistent rainfall, replenishing reservoirs and recharging soils with much needed water. Moderate spring temperatures encouraged the vines out of dormancy with an early bud break. Light but consistent rainfall and moderate temperatures in the spring provided optimal conditions for rapid shoot growth and the growing season got off to a fast and furious pace. Temperatures during bloom were nearly perfect in the Russian River Valley resulting in yields that are likely at, or near, Sonoma County's historic average. The weather through the summer continued with warm days and cool nights, with very few heat spikes.

**WINEGROWER NOTES**

Through intensively farming each vineyard site, our intent is to maximize the character and individuality of place and we do so utilizing the most progressive viticultural techniques. Harvested at night, the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation. This blend is a collection of heirloom clones of Pinot Noir like Calera, Swan, Pommard, Mt. Eden, and Chalone as well as newer French selections like Dijon 777 & 943.

**TASTING NOTES**

Vibrant fruit, spice aromas and layered texture. Aromas are dominated by red fruit tones of black cherry and boysenberry, while black fruit dominate the palate. The vibrant aromas expand and give way to red plum, toasted brioche and allspice. On the palate the wine has integrated acidity and fine tannins that will allow for mid-term cellaring. As always the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

**VINEYARD SOURCES**

*Martaella Estate, Cohn Estate, Tilton Hill Estate, Zio Tony Ranch Vineyard*

**HARVEST DATE**

*August 19th - September 20th, 2016*

**ALCOHOL**

14.1%

**pH**

3.59

**TA**

0.62 g/100ml

**FERMENTATION**

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

**COOPERAGE**

*16 months in French Oak 37% new French Oak*

**BOTTLING**

*February 2018*

**CASES PRODUCED**

*1,087 cases*

**RELEASE DATE**

*April 2018*