



BENOVIA
WINERY

2016
MARTAELLA ESTATE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



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

This is now the third release of this spectacular 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 Heirloom Pinot Noir clones from were chosen for this intense but delicate Pinot Noir. The grapes are harvested at night and the fruit was rigorously hand sorted prior to partial destemming and then berry selected before open top fermentation. With ideal fruit and stem maturity, we decided for the second year to ferment several clones with ~28% whole cluster for this vintage.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby in color. Vibrant raspberry, Santa Rosa plum and baking spice aromas bound from the glass. A juicy mouthfeel is supported by Bing cherry and pomegranate, developing across the mid-palate to fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint this Pinot Noir is both savory and succulent.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Martaella Estate Vineyard

HARVEST DATE

August 30th, September 3rd, 5th, 13th 2016

ALCOHOL

14.3%

pH

3.62

TA

0.58 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

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

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 36% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2018

CASES PRODUCED

449 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2018