



BENOVIA WINERY

2023 Fall Release

2021: A Cold Start to a Warm Finish

The 2021 vintage was welcomed by winemakers and growers after a difficult and challenging prior vintage. Our third drought year in a row, 2021 began with the driest winter on record in the last 127 years and can be best described as a cold start to a warm and fast finish. In the spring of 2021, the USDA designated Sonoma County as a D4 or extraordinary drought. Most of our agricultural water is drawn from the Russian River watershed, where our two major lakes were very low: Lake Sonoma 52.4% and Lake Mendocino at 34.2%, respectively.

As a result, our vineyard team implemented several water conservation efforts, including cultivation (discing and spading) and targeted early irrigation. It is a general practice at Benovia to cultivate our soils to preserve sub-surface moisture and promote root growth. In 2021, we fine-tuned our irrigation practices, including irrigation frequency and optimizing water movement to and beyond the active root growth.

With the dry spring conditions, grapevines came out of dormancy early, and the mild spring temperatures set a very modest crop, and in some locations, yields were down between 15-20%. The growing season was void of long and lingering heatwaves, and the light crop ripened early but at a normal rate. The low yields and dry conditions made for an early and quick harvest, with many different varieties ripening at the same time. The resulting wines are very high quality, with intensity, verve, and varietal intensity.

I hope you enjoy these beautiful, elegant and age worthy wines from the 2021 vintage for years to come.

Cheers,
Mike Sullivan, *Winemaker & Co-Owner*

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Wines



2021 La Pommeraie
Chardonnay

2021 Tilton Hill
Chardonnay

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Pinot Noir

2021 Tilton Hill
Pinot Noir

2021 Three Sisters
Pinot Noir

2021 Bella Una
Pinot Noir

2021 Clonal Selection 1
Pinot Noir

2019 Oakville
Cabernet Sauvignon

Benovia 2023 Fall Release Tasting Notes



2021 Tilton Hill Chardonnay

The first release for this single vineyard Chardonnay from our estate vineyard near Freestone. We are very excited about this inaugural vintage, that we feel captures the special characteristics of Chardonnay grown in the Sebastopol hills neighborhood. This wine has exotic aromas of Chamomile, lemon verbena, green papaya, and fennel pollen. On the palate the wine is laser focused with flavors of white grapefruit and Asian Pear.

\$65 | Aging potential: 3-5 years | Production: 106 cases
Source: Tilton Hill Estate Vineyard

2021 La Pommeraie Chardonnay

Focused aromas of mandarin orange blossom and Fuyu persimmon are accentuated by candied ginger and mineral notes. Then the vibrancy of the wines' aroma is matched by its opulent texture and layered flavors of Fuji Apple, lemon custard 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.

\$65 | Aging potential: 4-8 years | Production: 325 cases
Source: Zio Tony Ranch

2021 Martaella Pinot Noir

Deep ruby in color, vine-ripened boysenberries, Bing cherries, and baking spice aromas almost leap from the glass. On the palate the wines juicy mouthfeel is supported by raspberry and ripe plum, building through the mid-palate to the fine grain tannins on the finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately sweet.

\$75 | Aging potential: 3-7 years | Production: 409 cases
Source: Martaella Estate Vineyard

2021 Tilton Hill Pinot Noir

Intense violet in color, this alluring and hedonistic wine has amazing extract and purity of fruit focus. The vibrant fruit aromas of vine ripened raspberry and rich plum harmonize with rose potpourri and notes of forest floor. Heady aromas lead into equally vibrant flavors mixed berry and white pepper. On the palate the juicy red fruits complement the velvet-like texture and spicy finish.

\$75 | Aging potential: 3-7 years | Production: 371 cases
Source: Tilton Hill Estate Vineyard

2021 Clonal Selection 1 Pinot Noir

The 2021 Clonal Selection 1 comes from our Martaella Estate Vineyard and is a single clone of Pinot Noir called Dijon 943. This clone is distinctive because of its very small size (often half the size of other clones) and its dark fruit character and richness. We barrel fermented 25% percent of this wine in new French oak barrel. We remove one of the heads from the barrel, fill it with grapes and then close it up for fermentation. This barrel fermentation technique gives us red wines with richness and a distractive opulence.

\$80 | Aging potential: 4-7 years | Production: 99 cases
Source: Martaella Estate Vineyard 106 cases

2021 Three Sisters Pinot Noir

Almost ethereal aromatics of vine ripened strawberry and pomegranate give way to East Asian spices of star anise and cardamom. Refined aromatics of wild cherries, black tea and violet floral notes are embraced by baking spices and cardamom. Essence of plum, raspberry and black cherry abound on the palate with a smooth texture formed by fine-grained tannins.

\$90 | Aging potential: 5-9 years | Production: 72 cases
Source: Three Sisters Vineyard Ft. Ross-Seaview

2021 Bella Una Pinot Noir

Mixed red and black fruit aromas mingle with baking spices, candied orange peel and sandalwood spice. On the palate the juicy mouthfeel is supported by the fine grain tannins on the long and persistent finish. An intriguing blend of power and restraint, this Pinot Noir is both savory and delicately spicy. It is drinking great upon release but will improve with 5-7 years of bottle aging.

\$95 | Aging potential: 5-9 years | Production: 219 cases
Source: Tilton Hill Vineyard, La Pommeraie, Martaella Vineyard

2019 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon

Our philosophy in making Cabernet Sauvignon was to take a back seat to the terroir of the place. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is exquisitely rich and decadent, dark floral aromas with a layered bouquet of blackberry and cassis. The wine has tremendous richness and the fine-grained tannin flow seamlessly across the palate, with a lingering dark chocolate and spice-box finish.

\$125 | Aging potential: 5-12 years | Production: 240 cases
Source: Oakville Vineyard

Benovia Cellaring Table

Drink

Drink/Hold

Not Yet Released

Did Not Produce

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Sparkling												
Rose												
RRV Chardonnay												
La Pommerie Chardonnay												
Three Sisters Chardonnay												
Martaella Chardonnay												
Tilton Hill Chardonnay *Club Exclusive												
RRV Pinot Noir												
La Pommerie Pinot Noir												
Three Sisters Pinot Noir *Club Exclusive												
Martaella Pinot Noir												
Cohn Pinot Noir												
Tilton Hill Pinot Noir												
Clonal Selection 1 *Club Exclusive												
Bella Una Pinot Noir *Club Exclusive												
Grenache												
Zinfandel												
Sonoma County Cooley Cabernet												
Oakville Cabernet												

Upcoming Events



Saturday, October 14th:

Cohn Vineyard 50th anniversary
Celebration

Saturday, October 28th:

Fall Release Party at Benovia Winery
Celebrate the fall harvest season with a
tasting of our newly released wines,
paired with bites and lively music.

Saturday, November 4th:

Tucson AZ, Fall Release Event

Sunday November 5th:

Phoenix Fall Release Open
house, invite only

November 10th and 11th

Into Flight Once More Screening
2021 Liberation Pinot Noir Release

Get Ready for the Holidays

It's never too early to
start making your list of
friends and family, clients
or co-workers. Show
your appreciation with
hand-crafted wines from
Benovia Winery. Visit
our website for holiday
giftpacks and corporate
gifting ideas.



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assistance with your holiday gifting needs.

