**A group of trees with yellow leaves

Description automatically generatedFall 2023 Release Wines**

* **2021 Tilton Hill Chardonnay**
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**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

**Fall 2023 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 midpalate

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 it 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 splices 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 finegrained

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

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*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**

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or co-workers. Show your appreciation with hand-crafted wines from Benovia Winery. Visit our website for holiday gift packs and corporate gifting ideas.

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