



VINTAGE
2016

VARIETAL
CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD
SONOMA COUNTY

ALCOHOL
13.4%

pH
3.51

TA
6.40 g/L

CASES
1153

BARREL AGING
FERMENTED IN STAINLESS STEEL

CLONE
WENTE, CLONE 4

SOIL TYPE
MIXED

BOTTLING DATE
JULY 14,
2017

ABOUT

Bennett Valley Cellars began its journey 60 years ago in the Veneto region in Italy. Young Emilio Zanin eagerly worked in his grandfather's vineyard before and after school where he learned to love the hard work necessary to make fine wine. After immigrating to the United States in 1969, Emilio and his family have accomplished their life-long ambition of having their own vineyards. Nestled in the pristine Bennett Valley appellation within Sonoma Valley, Bennett Valley Cellars farms 40 acres of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on two ranches: Simpatico Ranch and Marina's Vineyard. The well-drained volcanic alluvial soils and fog-cooled climate create an ideal growing environment for producing wines with flavors and aromatic characteristics unique to this beautiful valley.

WINEMAKER

Winemaker Toni Stockhausen's career was predestined. Born in Australia's renowned Hunter Valley to the famed winemaker Karl Stockhausen, Toni grew up in vineyards and lived on the winery property, learning her father's art of wine making. At Charles Stuart University in Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Toni studied Viticulture and Enology. After graduation, Toni went on to serve as Winemaker at high-profile wineries: Tisdall Winery, Mildara Blass, and Windsor Vineyards before coming to Bennett Valley Cellars. Toni's classical style of wine making is influenced by exposure to Old World Wines as well as making wine in Australia and California. Today, Toni works closely with owners Emilio and Luca Zanin crafting small lots of Estate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as well as the Sonoma vineyards sourced BIN Series wines.

TASTING NOTES

Bright fresh aromas of apple and pear with hints of lemon zest and flint make this wine stand out from typical Chardonnay. The absence of oak allows the fruit and mineral flavors to mingle with the bright acidity and finish clean on the palate. The wine is refreshing on its own or pairs very well with fresh fish, cheese, and spicy cuisine.