



VINTAGE N/V	VARIETAL Cuvée Marina		
VINEYARD Sonoma County	CLONE Pinot 115 and Chardonnay 17		
ALCOHOL 12.5%	pH 3.2	TA 8.6	RESIDUAL SUGAR 4 g/L
TIRAGE 24 Months	BLEND 45% Pinot Noir, 43% Chardonnay, 13% Pinot Meunier		
SOIL TYPE Alluvial	CASES 132	BOTTLING DATE May 2, 2024	

## ABOUT

Bennett Valley Cellars began its journey 60 years ago in the Veneto region of 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 in 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 winemaking. 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

Marina Zanin, the Matriarch of the family, is the inspiration behind Cuvée Marina. Our goal is to create a wine that captures Marina's beauty, grace, and charm, and does exactly what she does best - make people smile. Blended from traditional sparkling varieties, the composition of the wine is 45% Pinot Noir, 42% Chardonnay, and 13% Pinot Meunier. The dosage is carefully calculated to give the wine a smooth, rich finish but still remain dry and crisp. A small amount of the wine was allowed to stay on the skins long enough to give the wine a very light salmon color tinted with rose-gold. Aromas of brioche, pear, and green apple pop from a generous mousse with persistent, small bubble beads. Our most recent release is our finest to date not by Concentration, power or presence but by the fairy touch of understated delicacy and crystal clear fidelity of fruit notes of apple and pear. A beautiful aperitif style with a crisp acid finish like tiny diamonds exploding on the tongue.

- BEST SPARKLING
- BEST OF CLASS
- DOUBLE GOLD



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