

Bailarin Cellars

2015 Suacci Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The wine exudes a rich aroma of blackberry and spice that immediately captures the senses. Medium-bodied and full of character, it reveals flavors of bramble, cherry, and subtle hints of hibiscus and vanilla. Toasty oak adds depth, while well-balanced acidity provides harmony. The invigorating finish leaves a delightful, mouth-warming spice sensation.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Clusters were hand harvested at night to ensure gentle processing of cool fruit. At the winery, the grapes were hand sorted, destemmed, and 10% of fruit was left "whole cluster" for complexity. The fruit was fermented in small open top bins with a blend of natural and cultured yeasts. Twice daily hand punch downs continued the extraction process throughout fermentation. The final blend consists of the winemaker's selection of the best barrels.

FRUIT SOURCE: SUACCI VINEYARD

Suacci Vineyard is a 6.5-acre vineyard planted on south facing slopes of the Sebastopol Hills in the known Blucher Valley. In this especially cool pocket of the Russian River Valley AVA, there are short windows of heat in the midday, followed by ocean breezes which flow through the Petaluma Gap. With low yields and tiny "grenade" clusters, this vineyard consistently produces Pinot Noir with intense, complex flavors and pronounced acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2015 was a warm and dry vintage. Early bud break due to the lack of rain, made this an early harvest where getting this fruit mature enough was not a problem. Small tight clusters and elevated sugar content helped intensify the normal dark color and create a larger pallet than normal from this vineyard. Expect this wine to age well.

THE WINERY

Bailarin Cellars was created in 2014 by a collective of family and friends, each following their respective passions. Together, we focus on producing small lots of handcrafted wines from unique vineyard sources. We are proud to share the fruits of our labor and love with you.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Appellation: Russian River Valley
Composition: Pinot Noir, clones 115 & 777
Barrel Time: 11 months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 13.7%
Cases Produced: 175
Designations: Single vineyard, vegan

