

Bailarin Cellars

2017 Bacigalupi Pinot Noir

MEMBERS ONLY



WINEMAKER NOTES

This remarkable, mid- to full-bodied wine offers complex aromas of dried rose petals, black currant, allspice, white pepper, and dried cherries. Indulge in the rich flavors of raspberry jam layered with blackberry, pomegranate, and vanilla. The finish delights with caramelized cherries.

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 the fruit was left "whole cluster" for complexity. The fruit was fermented in small, open-top bins using 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: BACIGALUPI VINEYARD

Bacigalupi rose to prominence after the 1976 Paris Wine Tasting, when the 1973 Chateau Montelena Napa Valley Chardonnay triumphed over many acclaimed French wines in a professional blind tasting. 40% of the fruit for that winning wine came from Bacigalupi Vineyard. Warm days for ripening and cool nights for preservation of acidity ensure balance and quality. This legendary vineyard has been owned and managed by the Bacigalupi family since 1956, now encompassing 125 acres of premium grapes.

VINTAGE NOTES

Record-breaking winter rainfall replenished the water table and soils, while a mild spring led to bud break with small berries displaying vibrant color. Despite a hot summer and adjusted harvest dates, grapes matured gradually. Mid-September rain necessitated canopy management, but fruit was picked prior to the October fires. Vintners anticipate excellent quality with pronounced flavors and high overall quality across varieties for the 2017 wines.

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 667 & 777
Barrel Time: 18 Months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.4%
Cases Produced: 124
Designations: Single vineyard, vegan

