

Bailarin Cellars

2017 Suacci Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Suacci Pinot Noir shows great complexity, with rich, dark cherry fruit and raspberry jam on the nose followed by hints of spiced cedar and rose petals. On the palate, layers of blackberries, black currants, and pomegranate lead into notes of clove and tobacco. A long finish continues to reveal more layers, and it's well worth the wait to allow the wine to open up and show all of its riches.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Clusters were harvested by hand 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 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 SUACCI VINEYARD

The Suacci Vineyard consists of 6.5 acres of south-facing slopes in the Sebastopol Hills of Blucher Valley. Located in a particularly cool pocket of the Russian River Valley AVA, this vineyard's microclimate is known for its coastal influence with short windows of warm temperatures and assertive ocean breezes from the Petaluma Gap. With low yields and tiny clusters, this vineyard consistently produces Pinot Noir with intense, complex flavors and pronounced acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 season brought welcomed rain and cool temperatures, which prevented yet another early bud break. Consistent summer temperatures were the rule with only brief moments of excessive heat late in the season which did not affect the early ripening of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. The 2017 harvest marked the beginning of a nice string of great vintages with excellent depth of fruit and ample, lively acidity.

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 in 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.2%
Cases Produced: 331
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan

