

# Bailarin Cellars

## 2017 Suacci Pinot Noir

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2017 Suacci Pinot Noir shows great complexity. Dark, cherry rich fruit and raspberry jam fill the nose and are framed by cedar box and rose petals. The layered palate brings blackberries, black currants and strawberry jam fruit with clove and tobacco in the background. 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 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

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 early ripening Pinot Noir and Chardonnay were unaffected by. 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

