

Bailarin Cellars

2018 Bacigalupi Pinot Noir



WINEMAKER NOTES

Slow sugar accumulation helped lead to ripe fruit full of complexity and vibrant flavors. On the nose, you'll notice subtle notes of clove, incense, allspice, black fruits, and cherry pie. The palate offers flavors of black raspberry, dried rose petals, and savory spices which lead to a long, dry finish with a rustic twist.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Harvested early in the morning to ensure gentle processing of cool fruit, the clusters were hand-sorted, destemmed, and crushed to release the juice. The extraction process began from the skins and the grapes were fermented in a jacketed, open-top tank. Finally, once the fermentation process was complete, the grapes were pressed to a tank and racked clean into a combination of 40% New French Oak barrels for 18 months of aging.

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

This vintage bloom lasted longer than usual and provided consistent fruit throughout the vineyard, resulting in higher-quality grapes. Slower ripening and cooler weather contributed to fully mature, sweet tannins, outstanding color, depth of fruit, and beautifully balanced wines. The 2018 vintage was an ideal growing season and is already showing its potential for greatness.

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: 168
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan

