

Bailarin Cellars

2018 Suacci Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

On the nose you will find black tea, cedar and forest with rich cherry cola, and blackberry cobbler notes. The palate brings dark black fruit tones, Asian spice, white pepper and cherry pie flavors that linger for a long silky finish. This wine will age beautifully for years to come.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Harvested early in the morning to ensure gentle processing of cool fruit, the clusters were hand sorted, destemmed and crushed to release juice. Starting the extraction process from the skins, the grapes were fermented in a jacketed open top tank. Lastly, at dryness, the grapes were pressed to tank and racked clean into a combination of 40% New French oak barrels for 11 months of aging.

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

This vintage bloom lasted longer than usual and provided consistent fruit throughout the vineyard. Slower ripening and cooler weather typically provides higher quality fruit, with 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: Clones 115 & 777
Barrel Time: 11 Months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.3%
Cases Produced: 120
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan
Wine Enthusiast 94 Points

