

CELLAR SELECTION

Bailarin Cellars

2019 Bacigalupi Pinot Noir



WINEMAKER NOTES

An ideal growing season produced enticing aromas of red plum, cherry, cranberry, and dried flowers. This medium-bodied wine offers balancing bright acidity with cherry pie and pomegranate on the palate. A long finish lingers with hints of vanilla, spice, and oak. An age-worthy vintage 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 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

Sonoma County experienced an ideal growing season in 2019. The late bloom and slow growing season led to extended hang times under late summer sunshine for the developing grapes. This allowed for even ripeness throughout the vineyards and exceptional retention of natural acidity. Harvest was a full two weeks behind average, and the 2019 fruit produced quality wines with bright, fresh acidity and complex fruit flavors.

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: 167
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan

