

Bailarin Cellars

2019 Lemoravo Vineyard Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2019 Lemoravo Vineyard Pinot is bold but rustic, the nose is overwhelming with dark fruit tones and an elegant oak profile. The palate has plenty of character from raspberry pie and cherry cobbler and earth tones and forest floor become apparent after a few swirls. Opening up nicely with a little time it shows a beautiful bouquet of cherry blossoms and lavender with fruit tones of plum and blackberry.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Clusters were hand-harvested at night for gentle processing. At the winery, the grapes were sorted, destemmed, and ten percent left as whole clusters for complexity. Fermentation occurred in small open top bins with twice daily hand punch downs. A blend of natural and cultured yeasts was used. The final blend represents the winemaker's selection of the best barrels.

FRUIT SOURCE LEMORAVO VINEYARD

Located in the hills on the west side of Monterey's Salinas Valley, the Santa Lucia Highlands AVA benefits from the cooling influence of the Pacific Ocean. Lemoravo Vineyard is almost directly below the Sierra Mar Vineyard. The name comes from the crops originally planted at the site: lemons, oranges and avocados. Pinot Noirs grown here tend to be fruit-forward and rich, with remarkable natural acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

A long 2018 winter brought abundant rain that lasted until spring 2019. A late bloom and slow growing season led to extended hang times under late summer sunshine for the developing grapes. This evened ripeness throughout the vineyards and preserved exceptional natural acidity. Harvest was two weeks behind average, and 2019 produced high 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: Santa Lucia Highlands

Composition: Pinot Noir

Barrel Time: 11 Months In 40% new French oak

Alcohol: 14.5%

Cases Produced: 100

Designations: Single vineyard, Vegan

