

HIDDEN GEM

Bailarin Cellars

2021 Bacigalupi Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

This 2021 Pinot Noir is yet another stunning vintage from the Bacigalupi Vineyard. Aromas of blueberry, red cherry, and baking spices form a complex bouquet that continues to evolve as the glass swirls. On the palate, these fruit tones merge beautifully with notes of black tea and wilted roses, leading into a lingering finish that showcases the wine's natural brightness and acidity. Elegant tannins offer structure and balance. Delicious now, but it will keep aging 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 the juice. The extraction process began from the skins and the grapes were fermented in jacketed, open-top tanks. Finally, once the fermentation process was complete, the wine was pressed into tanks and racked clean into a combination of 40% New French Oak barrels for 11 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

The 2021 growing season was surprisingly rich, with vines flourishing even after a third successive year of prolonged drought. This extra stress on the vines led to intense fruit flavors and concentrated acidity. This vintage's grapes showcased this natural balance, yielding wines of eminent depth and complexity.

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: 11 Months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.5%
Cases Produced: 175
Designations: Single Vineyard, Vegan

