

Bailarin Cellars

2020 Bacigalupi Pinot Noir

WINEMAKER NOTES

A bit of magic in the making happened at Bacigalupi for this amazing Pinot Noir from the 2020 vintage. The aromas revealed bright, cherry, floral and subtle hints of fennel. The medium palette explodes with wild strawberry, sweet cola, and mint julep. Finishing elegant with soft tannins.

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

Despite the challenging circumstances of 2020, our tailored and precise winemaking skills produced excellent wines. Dry soils from successive years of drought, early bud break and warm temperatures delivered short yields. But the extra stress on the vines led to intense fruit flavors. This vintage's grapes showcased a natural balance between fruit character and acidity.

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

