

Bailarin Cellars

2021 Suacci Pinot Noir



WINEMAKER NOTES

The bouquet is vivid and expressive, featuring bright, wild raspberry and tangy sour cherry notes, hints of briar, fennel, and nettles add layers of complexity and intrigue. This Pinot Noir is light to medium-bodied with a bright, lively character. The flavors showcase sour cherry and cranberry, providing a refreshing tartness. The palate is elegantly balanced with a soft tannic structure. The finish is marked by a lingering, delicate presence with light acidity. Subtle oak nuances add depth without overshadowing the wine's primary fruit notes.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES

Clusters were carefully hand-harvested at night to ensure the gentle processing of cool fruit. At the winery, the grapes underwent meticulous hand sorting and destemming, with 10% of the fruit kept as whole clusters for added complexity. Fermentation took place in small open-top bins, with hand punch downs performed twice daily. A blend of natural and cultured yeasts was used for fermentation. The final blend was carefully crafted by the winemaker, selecting the best barrels to create a harmonious expression of the wine.

FRUIT SOURCE SUACCI VINEYARD:

Suacci Vineyard is a 6.5-acre vineyard planted on south facing slopes of the Sebastopol Hills in the known Blucher Valley. In this especially cool pocket of the Russian River Valley AVA, there are short windows of heat in the midday, followed by ocean breezes which flow through the Petaluma Gap. With low yields and tiny “grenade” clusters, this vineyard consistently produces Pinot Noir with intense, complex flavors and pronounced acidity.

VINTAGE NOTES

In 2021, despite the second consecutive year of drought-like conditions, the vines experienced a fantastic growing season. The extended growth period led to smaller clusters and berries, intensifying fruit flavors. By implementing careful irrigation practices and exercising patience, we were able to extend the hang time of the grapes, resulting in a well-balanced wine.

THE WINERY

Bailarín 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 115 & 777
Barrel Time: 11 Months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 14.4%
Cases Produced: 140

