

Bailarin Cellars

2022 Suacci Pinot Noir



WINEMAKER NOTES

This medium-bodied wine glitters like ruby in the glass with each swirl, with dark red cherry, plum, and blackcurrants harmonizing elegantly with drier, earthier tones. As the wine breathes, the fruit notes evolve, with pomegranate and blueberries joining the complex assemblage of flavors. The wine's finish emphasizes its oak aging, with hints of leather and baking spices that linger on the tongue. Structured tannins make this a wine that's enjoyable now, but which will only improve with age.

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

2022 was a close to perfect growing season, with the beginning of the year leading with heavy rainfall, rainy Spring with warm days in between. Smaller clusters and berries were apparent, however, intensifying fruit flavors were visible early on. With an earlier harvest time to beat the end-of-summer heat, this was an ideal growing year.

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 115 & 777
Barrel Time: 11 Months, 40% new French oak
Alcohol: 13.8%
Cases Produced: 134
Designations: Single vineyard, vegan

