

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2022 Bacigalupi Vineyard Pinot Noir Russian River Valley

VINEYARDS & VINTAGE NOTES

In 1956, Helen and Charles Bacigalupi purchased 121 acres of prime vineyard land along Westside Road in the heart of Russian River Valley and were among the first in the area to plant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in 1964. The Bacigalupi family grapes garnered fame in 1976 when they were used to make Chateau Montelena's winning entry in that year's Paris Tasting. Our Pinot Noir grapes come from the Frost Ranch, purchased by the Bacigalupi family in 1993, and located just across the road from their original vineyard. 2022 can best be described as "early". It began with a cold, dry winter that led to early bud break. Serious frost in April and an unexpected hailstorm in May caused damage to new growth and flowers, impacting yields. Hot Summer temperatures led to an early onset of harvest, with harvest ending on September 9th, the earliest in our winery history. Despite the rapid pace, flavors and tannin were concentrated and acidity was vibrant, creating wines that rival those of the beautiful 2021 vintage.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were harvested in the early morning hours then brought to the winery for hand sorting, where 78% of the grapes were de-stemmed, then transferred to open-top tanks, while 22% of the fruit was added on top as whole clusters. The juice allowed to cold soak for 7 days before fermentation. During fermentation, the cap was gently punched down with an occasional juice pump over. After fermentation, the new wine stayed in tank for 12 days of extended maceration to soften tannins and develop more complexity before being gently pressed off its solids, inoculated for malolactic fermentation, and racked into 40% new French oak barrels for 15 months of barrel aging on primary lees.

TASTING NOTES

A Pinot Noir that leans into the famed Bacigalupi Vineyard's signature charm with a highly aromatic, stem-kissed nose of bright red fruit, fresh bay leaf, and subtle woody tones, echoing the floral lift and earthy nuance of past vintages. On the palate it's surprisingly light and understated - soft energy, gentle texture, and an easy, drink-now feel that proves this is the bottle you open when your wine-loving friends stop by and you want to casually impress without making a big deal about it.



APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 50% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
14.1%

PH / T.A.
3.39 / 7.00 gm/L

PRODUCTION
382 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$80.00



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