

GARY FARRELL

VINEYARDS & WINERY

2021 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. 2021 was a spectacular vintage. It was a drought year, so Mother Nature was responsible for trimming yields and producing a plentiful and beautifully balanced crop. The summer months gave us perfectly moderate ripening weather with very few heat spikes, allowing the grapes to ripen evenly while yielding excellent hang time to develop lots of flavor and produce world-class wines.

WINEMAKING NOTES

Grapes were harvested in the early morning hours then brought to the winery for hand sorting, where 80% of the grapes were de-stemmed, then transferred to open-top tanks, while 35% 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

An almost coy expression of this frequently more robust Pinot in our portfolio, the delicate nose of the 2021 hints at kirsch, fresh pomegranates, and the slightest touch of earth. The lightness of the palate offers rhubarb and hibiscus contrasted by a wonderful wet-slate minerality. The subtlety of flavor and body are finely balanced with crisp acidity and pliable tannins, reminding us that a wine doesn't have to be outspoken to be beautiful.



APELLATION
Russian River Valley

COMPOSITION
100% Pinot Noir

FERMENTATION & AGING
15 months, 40% new
French oak

ALCOHOL
13.9%

PH / T.A.
3.38 / 6.90 gm/L

PRODUCTION
422 cases

BOTTLING DATE
February 2023

RELEASE DATE
May 2025

RETAIL PRICE
\$75.00



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