
2012

**BACIGALUPI
PINOT NOIR
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY**

Cases Produced

300

Vineyard

Bacigalupi Vineyards

Aging

11 months in barrel
42% New French Oak
58% Used French Oak

Cooperage

100% Francois Freres

Alcohol: 14.9% by volume

Harvest TA: 6.00 g/L

Harvest pH: 3.70

Harvest Date

September 11, 2012

Brix at Harvest: 25.8

Varietal Composition

100% Pinot Noir
63% Wente Clone
37% Pommard Clone

100% Malolactic
Fermentation

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WINEMAKER NOTES

2012 was as close to a perfect vintage as we have seen in the Russian River Valley. We started the year out with a warm, dry winter which was followed by a very wet spring. No one realized at the time what a large crop would set out of all of that. Summer was hot with cool evenings, allowing the grapes to ripen earlier than we had seen the past few years.

PRODUCTION NOTES

We harvested the grapes for our Pinot Noir in the middle of the night in early September. The Pinot Noir was a mix of the Wente and Pommard clones. The ice cold grapes were hand sorted in the vineyard then destemmed and left whole berry to go into the tank. The must was gently hand punched down once per day for each of its five days of cold soak and then inoculated with AMH yeast. During the peak of fermentation, the must was hand punched down up to three times per day. The finished wine was drained off the skins directly to barrel after 19 days of cold soak and fermentation. The lees were stirred in the barrels every week during malolactic fermentation, and every other week post-malolactic fermentation. This wine will continue to stay in barrel until three weeks before bottling. The wine is bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Out of the glass jumps aromas of deep, dark concentrated blackberry, cola, and cassis, followed by a meaty, earthy richness contributed by the Pommard clone. A subtle vanillin character from the French oak barrels rounds out and completes the nose. As dark and brooding as it is fruity and playful, one gets the sense of this wine's balance before even tasting it. As we move on to the palate, a mix of strawberry and earthiness fill the first taste, followed by a lush, round mid-palate and a well-balanced finish with only a hint of acidity to make it go on and on. While this wine is tasting great now, and will be difficult to hold onto, it will continue to improve and age for 10-15 years.