

BAILEYANA

2018 EL PICO PINOT NOIR | EDNA VALLEY



TASTING NOTES

This vintage of El Pico is balanced and beautifully extracted with aromas of strawberry jam, cherry and vanilla. There is a hint of cotton candy along with traces of cinnamon throughout the wine. The crisp, clean fruit matches well with silky sweet oak tannins. The oak provides a nice backbone, but does not over power the balanced acidity. This medium bodied Pinot finishes with delightful strawberry notes.

THE EDNA VALLEY

The coolest growing region in all of California, as cited in a study by Southern Oregon University, the Edna Valley is a mere 5.4 miles from the Pacific Ocean. Consequently, the extended growing season allows grapes grown here to develop intense, complex and complete varietal flavors. In addition, the soil offers a distinct mix of nutrients and good drainage, making it suitable for growing high-quality grapes. A chain of extinct volcanoes known as the Seven Sisters have left behind volcanic remnants, which combine with clay loam and rocky marine sediment.

THE VINEYARD

This wine comes from select blocks from a single vineyard, which is SIP Certified Sustainable. The section of the vineyard is named Firepeak to pay homage to the extinct volcanoes in the area. Planted with various Pinot Noir clones, two low yielding, small clustered clones, 667 and 943, were selected for this wine. A celebrated clone from Burgundy, the 667 "Swan" clone imparts a dark color, elegant spectrum of flavors including beautiful red fruit and soft tannins. Clone 943, also Burgundian, is also beloved for the dark, soft elegance it brings to the wine.

THE VINTAGE

In 2018, the Edna Valley experienced the longest, coolest growing season since 2010. This is especially important for Pinot Noir, which requires time and cooler temperatures to reach its full ripeness and expressiveness. Already known for its long growing season, the wines from 2018, including this one, are exceptional and will be celebrated for their bright character, good depth and complexity in the many years to come.

EL PICO

This wine is named for the small volcanic outcrop near the vineyard.

APPELLATION:	Edna Valley
VINEYARD SOURCE:	Clone and single block selections
VINEYARD CERTIFICATION:	SIP Certified Sustainable
CLONES:	943, 667
SOILS:	Diablo series, clay loam, rocky marine sediment, volcanic remnants
HARVEST DATES:	September 2018
FERMENTATION:	Open top fermentation at 78°F for 12 days
BARREL REGIME:	Aged in 40% new French oak barrels for 9 months
ALCOHOL:	13.2%
TA:	5.69 g/l
PH:	3.54
BOTTLING DATE:	June 2019
CASES PRODUCED:	390
SUGGESTED RETAIL:	\$38

WINERY HISTORY

Baileyana Winery was founded by the Niven Family, who are considered the "Founding Fathers" of the Edna Valley. Recognizing the unique potential of the region, Jack Niven pioneered winegrape planting in 1973. Located in the heart of the AVA, the Baileyana Winery is housed in the historic Independence Schoolhouse that was built in 1909 and is surrounded by gorgeous vineyards. Director of Winemaking Rob Takigawa has been making the wines for 20 years.

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