



2003 Pinot Noir, Bacigalupi Vineyards Russian River Valley

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The wines below were tasted open within the last six days.

Tasting Notes: Exceptional

2003 John Tyler Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, Bacigalupi Vineyard (\$42): Superb cool-climate aroma of thyme, black cherry, and an attractive peppery note. Silky tannins and loads of generous fruit. From a new joint venture between the owner of Bacigalupi and winemaker Tyler Heck.

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John Tyler 2003 Pinot Noir \$42
Bacigalupi Vineyards
Russian River Valley

***1/2 A big, jammy pinot that still manages to be elegant. Tasty with food. Notes of cherry, cocoa and spice.

Pinot Report Review

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John Tyler

John Tyler is a new wine venture from two very old and established Russian River Valley wine families. John Bacigalupi and Tyler Heck are the two namesakes of this brand. The Bacigalupi family has been growing grapes on Westside Road since the 1960s when John's father, Charles Bacigalupi, planted Pinot Noir and Chardonnay at the suggestion of Tyler Heck's grandfather Paul Heck, whose family has owned Korbel Champagne Cellars since 1953. John provides the Pinot Noir fruit from his Bacigalupi Vineyard and Tyler makes the wines, and a deep partnership between two long-friendly families continues.

John Tyler

Pinot Noir Russian River Valley Bacigalupi Vineyard 2003

Medium-deep ruby color; black cherry and earthy aromas; big, full black cherry flavors with earthy notes, light-moderate tannin and oak; good structure and balance; long finish. Rich, ripe and well structured, this Pinot has a lot to offer now and will gain with a little bottle age.

829 cases made \$42 Score: 91