



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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PETITE SIRAH

V. 2012



Vineyards: Located just south of Healdsburg, Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed Russian River Valley. Cool morning fog and warm summer days create an ideal microclimate for grape growing. The Foppiano family has been producing world class fruit on this land since 1896. Today the vineyard is planted to Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Sauvignon Blanc on the warmer bench lands, with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the cooler land close to the Russian River.

Winemaking: While many winemakers treat Petite Sirah like a Cabernet, our winemaker prefers gentle handling of Petite Sirah and even treats it like a Pinot Noir. Once in the cellar, the grapes are fermented in open top fermenters with punch downs three times per day, followed by gentle pressing. To help control tannins, we use 30 percent new oak. While most of the oak is French, we use a touch of Hungarian to add a little sweetness to the finish. After aging, the barrels are blended before bottling.

Tasting Notes: Our 2012 Petite Sirah is truly a treat for the senses. Deep, dark, inky red in color it has rich aromas of blueberry and dark chocolate with subtle earth hints. The lush mouth feel is the perfect start with brambly berry flavors that slowly give way to blueberry, dark chocolate, and blackberry with a delightfully long finish.

VARIETALS 100% PETITE SIRAH

HARVEST DATES OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 21, 2012

ALCOHOL 14.9% **PH** 3.65 **TA** 0.55G/100ML **RS** 0 G/L

BARRELS 30% NEW FRENCH OAK, 70% NEUTRAL

18 MONTHS BARREL AGED

BOTTLED May 23 2014 **CASES PRODUCED** 7,198