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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 and Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the cooler land close to the Russian River.

WINEMAKING: Whole cluster pressing is a tried and true technique to enhance the quality of barrel fermented Chardonnay. The grapes were harvested by hand in the early morning. The clusters were then pressed whole directly into a combination of new French oak and used barrels. We stirred the lees once a week, only during primary fermentation, to enhance the mouthfeel of the wine and to preserve fruit. After the primary fermentation, 50% of the wine went through malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES: The aromas from the 2016 Chardonnay are a very intriguing mix of ripe pears and fruit crisp. The palate is a balance of classic barrel fermented oak and baking spices alongside Lemmon bars and tropical fruit. The wine finishes with a distinct creaminess and delicate grape cluster essence. Enjoy this multi-layered wine before a meal or with any entree where a full bodied white wine is appropriate.

VARIETAL 100% CHARDONNAY

HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2016

ALCOHOL 14.3% PH 3.61

TA 5.9 g/L

100% BARREL FERMENTED 30% NEW FRENCH OAK

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