

Foppiano
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE BOTTLED *GIANNA'S BLOCK
PETITE SIRAH

v. 2015



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TASTING NOTES: The 2015 growing season, like the 2014 and 2013, was ideal in its abundant sunshine. Gianna's Block yielded incredibly flavorful fruit this vintage which allowed us to produce a truly world class Petite Sirah. This wine enjoys complex aromatics including lavender, peppery sage and blackberry jam followed by subtle notes of dark chocolate and coffee. The palate is greeted by succulent dark fruit and perfectly integrated and composed oak followed by a long downy finish that is reminiscent of more chocolate and dark roast espresso.

HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2015

ALCOHOL 14.9% **pH** 3.63 **TA** 5.73 g/L

CELLARING 28 MONTHS 60% NEW FRENCH OAK

BOTTLED JANUARY 2018

CASES PRODUCED 257