

# FOPPIANO

## VINEYARDS

FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED SINCE 1896

### 2019 ESTATE CHARDONNAY



**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 its purchase in 1896. Today, the vineyards are planted with 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 and juice was drained directly into chilled tanks. From there, after settling, the juice was inoculated with yeast and sent to 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, 65% of the wine went through native malolactic fermentation.

**TASTING NOTES:** Aromas of apple blossom, jasmine, ripe apricots and warm straw with hints of crème brulee flitting about the edges. The palate entry is full and rich with a gorgeous mouthfeel and flavors of d'anjou pear, golden delicious apple skin and honeysuckle that give way to a bright minerality, pineapple and lychee notes. The finish lingers beautifully with its focused acidity. A delicious, classic Chardonnay.

**HARVEST DATES:** September 12, 2019

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% **pH** 3.62 **TA** 5.88 g/L **RS** 1.8 g/L

**CELLARING:** 55% New French Oak

**BOTTLED:** May 2020

**CASES PRODUCED:** 763

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