

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

PETITE SIRAH

v. 2017



VINEYARDS: Located just south of the town of Healdsburg, Foppiano vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed appellation of the 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 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: Our Foppiano Estate Petite Sirah is known for its elegance. We don't want our wines to be over extracted with tannin and unbalanced flavors. Approachable fruit and graceful texture are our goals. We harvest, crush the grapes and ferment them in a way that preserves the delicate flavors that make our Petite Sirah unique. We deliberately cellar the wine in barrel for a longer period to soften the finish and ages the wine so that it is ready to drink when released from the winery.

TASTING NOTES: A superbly elegant version of Petite Sirah, this wine is everything you would expect from the varietal with an added layer of grace that can only be found at our estate. The wine's aromas resemble cloves and sage, blueberry yogurt and fresh jam on buttered toast. The palate starts with cocoa powder and violets then lifts to chilled blueberries. The finish is cinnamon toast crunch and dark chocolate. It will make you want another sip.

HARVEST DATES September 29th – October 18th

ALCOHOL 14.9% **pH** 3.69 **TA** 5.9 g/L **RS** 1.2 g/L

CELLARING 22 MONTHS

25% New French Oak, 50% once used French, Hungarian, American Oak, 25% Neutral Barrels

BOTTLED June 2020

CASES PRODUCED 3,450