

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ESTATE BOTTLED \*GRANT STATION  
CARIGNANE

v. 2019



**VINEYARDS:** Back when trains were king, Foppiano Vineyards had several of its own rail tankers dedicated to transporting wine from the winery in Healdsburg back to the East Coast. The tankers were loaded on a special railway spur called “Grant Station” along the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. Loading was convenient, there was a permanent underground pipe, under Old Redwood Highway, connecting the winery to the loading spur. Our Carignane vineyard now grows near where the station once stood and therefore carries the name of “Grant Station”.

**WINEMAKING:** Our estate Carignane vineyard block is just over 2 acres and usually yields about 5 tons total. Low yields per acre is a great indicator of quality and concentration of flavor and aromas. We have learned that our Carignane shows its best character when it is allowed long hang time on the vine. It is consistently the last lot of grapes harvested off our Estate Vineyard. The extra hang time brings out darker fruit flavors, more depth in color and fragrance. The wine is aged in both French and Hungarian Oak barrels. The French oak gives a very elegant oak essence to the wine while the Hungarian brings out the wine's natural earth and spice charm.

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine has developed the reputation of being the tasting room favorite. And for good reason, the wine showcases such a unique bouquet and palette. This year a hint of vanilla, dark cherry and crushed plum joins the aromatics. Followed by robust and juicy fresh plum, dark cherry, blackberry tart and toasted coriander. The lusciously soft tannins lead to a vanilla and rose petal flecked finish.

**HARVEST DATES** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**ALCOHOL** 14.7% **pH** 3.69 **RS** 1.2 g/L **TA** 6.0 g/L

**CELLARING** 18 Months 25% New French oak 15% New Hungarian Oak balance to neutral barrels.

**BOTTLED** May 2021

**CASES PRODUCED** 255