

*Foppiano*  
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY  
ESTATE BOTTLED \* DELLA'S BLOCK  
CHARDONNAY

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. The grapes used to make Della's Block are grown in the coolest part of the Foppiano Estate. Chardonnay benefits from chilled nights and mornings. These grapes come from a small 1.53-acre block located right next to the Russian River. Planted in 1980, these older low yielding vines produce exceptionally high-quality fruit.

**WINEMAKING:** The ripe clusters are harvested and ferried to the winery in ½ ton bins where the juice is pressed directly into a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. Each barrel is stirred during fermentation to enhance body and mouth feel and to encourage a healthy fermentation. After primary fermentation we do not stir the lees. The wine goes through its malolactic fermentation slowly and without inoculation.

**TASTING NOTES:** The 2017 Della's Block truly captures the essence of a Russian River Valley Chardonnay. Ripe apricot, baked peach and subtle toast breath from the glass. The palate is balanced nicely with classic barrel fermented flavors of vanilla custard, cinnamon apple sauce, and shortbread.

**HARVEST DATES** September 29, 2017

**ALCOHOL** 14.3% **pH** 3.55 **TA** 5.89 g/L

**CELLARING** 16 MONTHS 75% NEW FRENCH OAK

**BOTTLED** JANUARY 2019

**CASES PRODUCED** 180