

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED \* RESERVE

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

v. 2018



**VINEYARDS:** The block that this wine comes from is one of the oldest on the Estate. Planted in 1985 using the traditional head trained viticulture of historic California vineyards. It showcases the final vintage of “Block 5” which could be seen from the tasting room and was removed this past year.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes that produced this wine come from vines that are nearly 50 years old. All the years spent in the ground has allowed them to achieve a balance with the soil and canopy to fully ripen the fruit – even in our cooler Russian River Valley climate. Cabernet Sauvignon is at its best in California when it is allowed to achieve its optimal ripeness. This vintage, the grapes were all harvested in one night and allowed to ferment in one large tank. The massive volume of skins and juice together has yielded very distinct and concentrated aromas and flavors. The fermentation was slow and steady, the extra maceration time will enhance the darker fruit and structure of the wine. As usual, we used 100% once used French oak barrels for aging. These barrels give a very pleasant oak character to the wine without the over assertiveness of new barrels.

**TASTING NOTES:** This powerful, mineral driven, cool climate Cabernet Sauvignon smells delightfully of cassis, blackberry, black plum, damp stone, rosemary and baking spices. The nose follows through to the palate in addition to notes of black raspberry, roasted rack of lamb and star anise. Medium plus tannins and bright acidity will sustain this delightful wine for many years to come. Be sure to decant if opening soon.

**HARVEST DATES** October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**ALCOHOL** 14.6% **Ph** 3.68 **RS** 1.1 g/L **TA** 5.9 g/L

**CELLARING** 20 months 100% once used French oak

**BOTTLED** June 2020

**CASES PRODUCED** 120