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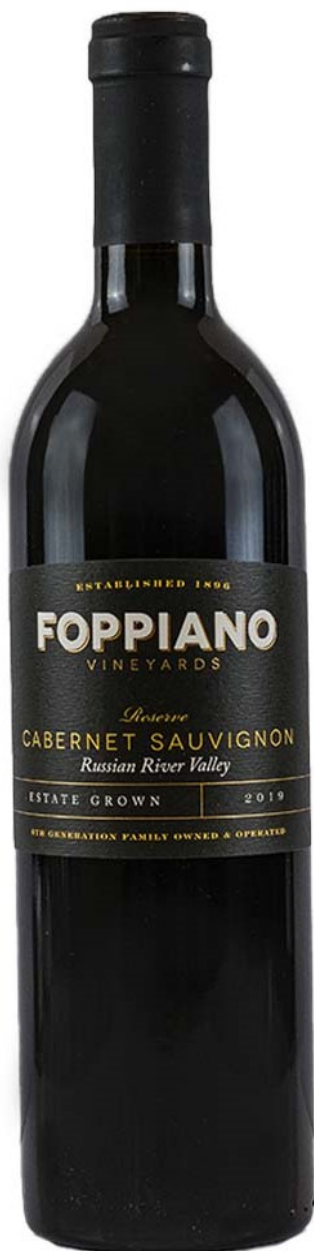
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RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED * RESERVE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

v. 2019



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. Our Cabernet is almost always the last fruit harvested every vintage. The long hangtime allows for complex character development and optimal ripeness. The fermentation was slow and steady, the extra time in tank enhances 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 classic cool climate Cabernet Sauvignon is characterized by aromatic hints of cassis, crushed cranberry, and toasted lavender. The nose follows through to the palate adding flavors of raspberry syrup, roasted herbs, ripe plum skin and vineyard dust. Medium plus tannins and pleasant acidity will sustain this delightful wine for many years to come. Be sure to decant for optimal opulence.

HARVEST DATES October 3rd, 2019

ALCOHOL 14.6% **Ph** 3.72 **RS** 0.98 g/L **TA** 5.7 g/L

CELLARING 18 months 100% once used French oak

BOTTLED June 2021

CASES PRODUCED