

*Foppiano*  
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED \* RIVER'S EDGE

PINOT NOIR

v. 2016



**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. Our River's Edge Pinot Noir is harvested exclusively from the block that is closest to the Russian River. Oriented East to West, the vine rows sit on ancient river bed carved out by the meandering river. This gravely loam soil, as well as the adjacency to the Russian River, makes for the perfect setting to grow world class, terroir driven, Pinot Noir.

**WINEMAKING:** The block from which these grapes are harvested is 9 acres. Within those 9 acres are certain rows and vines that consistently produce the best and most uniform fruit. We hand harvest these rows, picking and choosing the best-looking fruit for this specific wine. After this vineyard sorting and selection, half of the fruit was crushed and the other left whole cluster. The crushed fruit and whole clusters were then combined into one fermenter. This whole cluster fruit gives the wine added structure and flavor complexity while the crushed fruit provides opulent fruit. After a slow and cool fermentation, the wine was gently pressed and aged in premium French oak barrels for 14 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** This wine possesses true aromatic depth; seductive aromas of red cherry and crushed grapes give way to notes of strawberry rhubarb pie. The palate is greeted by luscious red fruit, perfectly integrated French oak and plenty of fruit. The wine continues with savory earthy notes and a long brambly finish indicating a pleasant degree of age-ability. This wine is truly terroir driven, a classic example of the best of Russian River Pinot Noir, perfect to sip, savor and appreciate.

**HARVEST DATES** SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

**ALCOHOL** 14.3% **pH** 3.65 **TA** 6.10 g/L

**CELLARING** 14 MONTHS 65% NEW FRENCH OAK

**BOTTLED** MAY 2018

**CASES PRODUCED** 323

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