

Foppiano
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED * RIVER'S EDGE

PINOT NOIR

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. 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 destemmed while the other left whole cluster. The crushed fruit and whole clusters were then combined into one fermenter. The whole cluster fruit gives the wine added structure and flavor complexity while the crushed grapes provide opulent fruit flavors. After a slow fermentation, the wine was gently pressed and aged in premium French oak barrels for 14 months.

TASTING NOTES: This wine enjoys a broad range of aromatics and flavor. Scents of dark cherry and crushed plum give way to notes of strawberry rhubarb pie. The flavor profile ranges from dark fruit, to bright raspberry, to mildly toasted French oak and plenty of silky texture. The wine continues with sweet hints of sage and earth, with a long textural finish indicating a pleasant degree of age-ability.

HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

ALCOHOL 14.3% **pH** 3.62 **TA** 5.85 g/L

CELLARING 14 MONTHS 65% NEW FRENCH OAK

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