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VINEYARDS

GIANNA'S BLOCK RESERVE PETITE SIRAH v. 2017



VINEYARDS: Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed Russian River Valley. Cool morning fog and warm summer days create an ideal microclimate for grape growing. The Foppiano family has been producing world class fruit on this land since its purchase in 1896. Today, the vineyards are planted with Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Sauvignon Blanc on the warmer bench lands, and Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the cooler land close to the Russian River.

WINEMAKING: The fermentation of our Gianna's Block Petite Sirah is made up of part crushed and part whole cluster fruit. The whole cluster, which means the grape cluster is left whole – stems and all, boosts complexity and gives the wine its spice and sage characteristics. Once finished with fermentation the wine went into new tight grained barrels. Tight grain barrels are designed for long-term aging. We have found that 24 months and sometime more allows the finest details of this wine to emerge. Gianna's Block Petite Sirah comes from fruit harvested from our oldest vines. The vines are in clear view of our tasting room deck - tasting the wine while seeing the vineyard source is a true connection for me.

TASTING NOTES: A bouquet of rose petals, oil cured olives, river rock, cranberry and raspberry jumps out of the glass as you swirl and sniff. Restrained and elegant red and black fruit flavors drape over the tongue with very well integrated oak notes and velvety tannins. Beautiful concentration and a lingering finish make this another delicious vintage of Petite Sirah.

HARVEST DATES: September 28th, 2017

ALCOHOL 14.9% **pH** 3.62 **TA** 5.9g/L **RS** 1.89g/L

CELLARING: 26 months 100% New Tight Grained Barrels. 50% New American oak, 50% New French Oak

BOTTLED: April 2020

CASES PRODUCED: 214

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