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VINEYARDS

## GIANNA'S BLOCK RESERVE PETITE SIRAH v. 2019



**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 goes into new and used 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.

**TASTING NOTES:** A bouquet of lively sage, oil cured olives, stone fruit and pipe tobacco jumps out of the glass as you swirl. Rich and bold red and black fruit flavors along with dried apricots and spice fill the mouth. The wine finishes with very well integrated oak notes and velvety tannins. The beautiful concentration of flavors and a lingering finish make this a classic example of our Petite Sirah.

**HARVEST DATES:** September 12th, 2019

**ALCOHOL** 14.7% **pH** 3.61 **TA** 5.8g/L **RS** 1.19g/L

**CELLARING:** 24 months 50% New Tight Grained Barrels. 25% once filled American oak, 25% once filled French Oak

**BOTTLED:** April 2022

**CASES PRODUCED:** 229

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