

Foppiano
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE BOTTLED * NONNO'S BLOCK
ZINFANDEL

v. 2017



VINEYARDS: Nonno, meaning grandfather in Italian, is a name that patriarch Louis J Foppiano held dear. Located furthest from the Russian River, this block is situated in the warmest portion of the estate. This, combined with lean soils and low yields, leads this block of Zinfandel to exhibit ripe and highly concentrated fruit and berry flavors.

WINEMAKING: One of the illusive triumphs for great zinfandel is harvesting the fruit at its absolute peak of ripeness. This is after the vine has had time to coax every bit of flavor from sun and soil and before the grapes start to dehydrate from the hot days of late summer. At this peak of ripeness, the fruit is harvested and crushed. We kept the freshly crushed grapes cold for 3 days in a tank before allowing fermentation. This cold soak helps to extract beautiful color and the classic Zinfandel flavors. After fermentation the wine was put to a combination of new and once filled barrels. We specifically chose new French and new Hungarian oak barrels for their elegance and unique spice flavors. This wine was aged for 17 months.

TASTING NOTES: Gorgeous aromas of crushed Bing cherry, plum spice and molasses followed by delicious flavors of blackberry, clove, and mission rig. This wine shows a remarkable balance of velvety tannins, vibrant acidity, and a truly resonant mouthfeel.

HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

ALCOHOL 14.9% **pH** 3.75 **TA** 5.72 g/L

CELLARING 17 MONTHS FRENCH OAK & HUNGARIAN OAK, 50% NEW & 50% ONCE USED

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