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VINEYARDS

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1896 RED BLEND, v. 2021

VINEYARDS: Foppiano Vineyards has been growing grapes in Sonoma County's Russian River Valley since 1896. This 2021 Red Blend was crafted to celebrate this legacy. To create this wine, we sourced fruit from our Estate as well as select vineyards throughout California. The specific vineyards chosen for this blend produced Cabernet Franc, Tempranillo, Petite Sirah, Teroldego, and Malbec.

WINEMAKING: Early California grape growers often farmed vineyards with several mixed varieties planted together to create the classic "field blend". A field blend wine is the product of several grape varieties growing intermixed, all harvested and fermented together. The belief being that each variety compliments the blend in its own way and makes a tastier wine than any one single varietal by itself. Recreating this concept involves seeking out wines that balance each other in flavor, colors and aromas. They are blended in just the right proportion to demonstrate the best characteristics of each.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2021 blend starts with a wisp of savory herbs, mixed berry tart and baked pumpkin pie followed by an unmistakable burst of fruit salad: raspberry, blackberry, strawberry and honeydew melon. The wine continues with baking spice, rose petals and buttered toast with jam. The lingering finish tastes pleasantly of cranberry sauce and winter holiday spices.

VARIETALS: 48% Cabernet Franc, 20% Tempranillo, 14% Petite Sirah, 13% Teroldego, 5% Malbec

HARVEST DATES: September 12 to October 14, 2021

ALCOHOL 14.5% **pH** 3.61 **TA** 5.8 g/L **RS** 1.8 g/L

CELLARING: This blend was aged in 1-year old barrels. French and American oak.

BOTTLED: November 2022

CASES PRODUCED: 4,102



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