

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE

## Chardonnay

v. 2020



**VINEYARDS:** Located just south of Healdsburg, Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the world-renowned Russian River Valley. Cool morning fog and warm summer days create an ideal microclimate for balanced grape growing. The Foppiano family has been producing world class wine 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:** Due to the age of our vineyard blocks, the grapes must be harvested by hand. The ripe clusters are ferried to the winery where the juice is pressed directly into a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. Each barrel is stirred during fermentation to enhance body and mouth feel and to encourage a healthy fermentation. We allow the wine to go through its malolactic fermentation slowly and without inoculation.

**TASTING NOTES:** The aromas from the 2020 Chardonnay are reminiscent of ripe pears and fruit crisp. The palate is balanced nicely with classic barrel fermented flavors and creamy mid palate textures. The finish reminds one of fresh fruit and cream. Enjoy this multi-layered wine at cellar temperature before a meal or with any entree where a full-bodied white wine is appropriate.

**HARVEST DATES:** August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5% **pH** 3.58 **TA** 5.78 g/L **RS** 0.8 g/L

**CELLARING:** 45% New French Oak – Barrel fermented

**BOTTLED** May: 2021

**CASES PRODUCED:** 652

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