



## RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

## PINOT NOIR

V. 2016



**Vineyards:** Located just south of Healdsburg, 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 wine from this land since 1896. Today, the vineyards are planted to Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Sauvignon Blanc on the warmer bench lands, with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the cooler land along the Russian River.

**Winemaking:** Every step in crafting our Pinot Noir is done with careful consideration. The grapes are harvested at night to fully capture their elegant fruit flavors and hand sorted to insure only the finest fruit goes into the fermenter. We use a gentle method of whole berry and whole cluster fermentation to maximize fruit aromatics and complexity. The wine is fermented in open top fermenters and punched down by hand. After gentle pressing, the wine is aged in only the best French oak barrels.

**Tasting Notes:** Our 2016 Estate Pinot Noir shows a depth of color, aroma and flavor to rival the best producers in the Russian River Valley. A beautiful garnet color leads to aromas of preserved blackberry, old growth redwood shavings and ginger snaps. The flavors resemble Burbank plums with pomegranate seed and French bread. This wine absolutely represents the varietal and our estate's potential with its lovely aromatics and wonderfully layered complexity.

**HARVEST DATES** Sept. 5 – Sept. 10, 2016

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% **pH** 3.59 **TA** 5.90 g/L

**BARRELS** 27% New French Oak, 73% Neutral French Oak

**BOTTLED** January 2017 **CASES PRODUCED** 1114