

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE
PINOT NOIR
v. 2018



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 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: Every step in making our Pinot Noir was done with care and careful consideration. The grapes were harvested at night to enhance their elusive fruit flavors. Then hand sorted to insure only the purest fruit went into the fermenter. We used a gentle method of whole berry and whole cluster fermentation to maximize fruit aromatics and complexity. The wine was fermented in open top fermenters and punched down by hand. After gentle pressing, the wine was aged in the most elegant French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2018 Pinot Noir is developing beautifully, showing signs of further improvement in the bottle. Fruit and spice dominate the authentic Pinot Noir aromas leading to flavors that match the aromatics. The smooth tannins give way to a balanced, soft finish that showcases the layered complexity from the whole cluster fermentation

HARVEST DATES: September 12, 2018

ALCOHOL 14.5%

pH 3.56

TA 6.1 g/L

RS 1.11 g/L

CELLARING: 14 Months – Tight grain French Oak - 45% New

BOTTLED: APRIL 2020

CASES PRODUCED: 1466

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