



RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

PETITE SIRAH

V. 2013



Vineyards Located just south of the town of Healdsburg, Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed appellation of the 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 vineyard is planted to 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 Surprisingly, Petite Sirah and Pinot Noir are more similar than one might expect. They both have elusive flavors that, once captured, make it clear why the varietals are so sought after. We achieved an optimum balance of fruit and tannin by utilizing hand punch downs and light pump overs. During fermentation, the wine's flavors and textures are constantly changing. We produced the best Petite Sirah by draining and pressing the wine when fruit complexity is at its peak and tannin extraction is most balanced.

Tasting Notes Our 2013 Petite Sirah is a balanced and complex example of the varietal. A touch of dried rose petals, white pepper, ripe fruit and licorice aromas followed by a very satisfying mid-palate with midseason plum, black tea, baked cherry and huckleberry. The wine finishes with fruit and spice with supple tannins.

VARIETALS 100% PETITE SIRAH

HARVEST DATES Sept 28 – Oct 10, 2013

ALCOHOL 14.9% **PH** 3.69 **TA** 5.7 g/L **RS** 0.96 g/L

BARRELS 23% New French, 5% Hungarian, 5% American
20 MONTHS BARREL AGED

BOTTLED January 2015 **CASES PRODUCED** 3,811