

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE

ROSÉ

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:** This is one of my favorite Rosé wines we have made. 2020 was challenging with so much smoke in the air. Luckily, we were able to harvest these grapes and go directly to the press. This is the authentic technique in producing fine rosé and it alleviates excessive exposure to smokey air. The wine was pressed to neutral barrels and allowed a native fermentation. This produced a lush rose peddle mouth feel with abundant fresh fruit and berries. We bottled the wine only after 3 months in barrel to preserve the delicate and complex freshness. The outcome is a truly beautiful wine.

**TASTING NOTES:** Highly aromatic, with notes of raspberry, nectarine, lemon zest, jasmine and Manuka honey. The bright, refreshing entry gives way to a lusciousness that offers a perfect foil for richer, creamier dishes. Flavors of lychee, white flowers, rose petals and strawberry guava keep you coming back for more. We've done it again! A home run from a challenging vintage.

**HARVEST DATES** August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**ALCOHOL** 13.1%, **pH** 3.41, **RS** 0.9 g/L, **TA** 6.1 g/L

**CELLARING** Barrel fermented then bottled. Only 3 Months Neutral French Oak.

**BOTTLED** Jan 2021

**CASES PRODUCED** 101