

Foppiano
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

ZINFANDEL

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 fruit on this land since its purchase in 1896. Today, the vineyards are 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: The grapes for this blend were machine harvested. Advancements in machine harvesting have provided a gentle method of getting the fruit off the vine and into the winery quickly and cleanly. In addition, we hand-harvested and co-fermented 5% Petite Sirah with the Zinfandel to accentuate the depth of color, white pepper aromas and structure. The grapes were fermented for 16 days. The wine was aged in 25% new French oak and 25% new Hungarian oak for 14 months.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2016 Estate Zinfandel expresses lavish red plum aromas, crushed blueberry mixed with white pepper and cedar. Red raspberry flavors with strawberry, huckleberry and Allspices, lead to a balanced wine with natural acidity and soft tannins.

HARVEST DATES SEPTEMBER 29TH – OCTOBER 1ST, 2016

ALCOHOL 14.9% **pH** 3.68 **TA** 5.9 g/L

CELLARING 14 Months in 25% New French and 25% Hungarian Oak, 50% Neutral French Oak

BOTTLED JANUARY 2017

CASES PRODUCED 784

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