

*Foppiano*  
VINEYARDS

ESTABLISHED 1896

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

ZINFANDEL

v. 2017



**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:** As in years previous the grapes for this wine 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 7% Petite Sirah with the Zinfandel to accentuate the depth of color, aromas and structure. The grapes were fermented for 21 days. The wine was aged in 35% new French oak and 15% new Hungarian oak for 18 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** The aroma of our 2017 Red Zinfandel centers on red raspberry and cinnamon spice. Hints of sliced ripe plum, black tea and lavender oil adds to its complexity. Flavors of blueberry, elderberry, and cranberry are enhanced with sandalwood and baking notes from the oak barrels. These flavors marry with soft tannins for a long and satisfying finish.

**HARVEST DATES** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**ALCOHOL** 14.9% **pH** 3.68 **RS** 1.4 g/L **TA** 5.99 g/L

**CELLARING** 18 Months in 35% New French and 15% Hungarian Oak

**BOTTLED** May, 2019

**CASES PRODUCED** 656