

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

ZINFANDEL

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 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:** What sets our Zinfandel apart from most main stream zins is the Russian River appellation. We have the ample sunshine needed to coax the ripe fruit flavors out of the grapes, we also have the cool climate influence from the River. The cooling effect brings out nuanced and subtle tastes and smells that hotter regions cannot capture. This wine has all the palette pleasing characteristics zin lovers crave. Plus, its accompanied by extra layers of zests that make this a real connoisseur's Zinfandel. We use a small percentage of estate Petite Sirah to support the color, structure and age ability of this wine. The grapes were fermented for 16 days and the wine was aged in 25% new French oak and 15% new Hungarian oak for 18 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** The elegance of this Zinfandel is immediately apparent in its complex nose. Notes of hibiscus, red raspberry, plum skin, bergamot tea, fresh cranberry and pink peppercorns are abundant. The palate holds you captive with rose hips, red cherry, red plum, lavender and poultry herbs. The supple tannins and bright acidity make for a delightfully lingering finish.

**HARVEST DATES** September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**ALCOHOL** 14.9% **pH** 3.74 **RS** 1.9 g/L **TA** 5.9 g/L

**CELLARING** 18 months in 25% New French and 15% New Hungarian Oak

**BOTTLED** June 2020

**CASES PRODUCED** 128