

# FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

ESTATE BOTTLED

ZINFANDEL

v. 2021



**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. We pumped the wine over two times per day, being careful to get color and texture from the fermentation but not extract tannin. After 18 days in the fermenter, the wine was drained to tank. The wine was allowed to go through ML fermentation in tank and then barreled down. It aged in barrel – unracked, for 18 months. Not racking the wine allowed for good settling and light filtration before bottling.

**TASTING NOTES:** The aroma of our 2021 Zinfandel centers on red raspberry, jammed dark fruit, cinnamon spice and clove. Hints of sliced ripe plum, black tea and lavender oil adds to its complexity. Flavors of blueberry, elderberry, and cranberry are enhanced with oak spice and baking notes from the barrels. These flavors marry with soft tannins for a long and mouthwatering finish.

**HARVEST DATES** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**ALCOHOL** 14.9% **pH** 3.55 **RS** 1.2 g/L **TA** 6.1 g/L

**CELLARING** 18 months in 20% New French and 20% New Hungarian Oak, balance to neutral barrels

**BOTTLED** March 23, 2023

**CASES PRODUCED** 872

**BLEND:** 89% Zinfandel, 11% Barbara

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