

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE
PINOT NOIR
v. 2019



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 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: Producing authentic varietal character Pinot Noir is our goal. In order to achieve that goal, we harvested the fruit at slightly lower sugar. This enhances the red fruit flavors, acid and ageability of the wine. We used a cultured yeast called Assmanshausen for fermentation. This particular yeast strain ferments very slowly which allows the absorption of delicate flavors and aromas. The wine was aged in just enough new oak to improve stature but not overwhelm the wine.

TASTING NOTES: Our 2019 Pinot Noir has developed beautifully with bottle age. The wine has softened nicely and the flavor profile has broadened noticeably. Cranberry, cherry fruit and wood spice dominate the aromas leading to sharp fruit and a pleasing tar like character. The smooth tannins give way to a balanced density, and soft finish that showcases the layered complexity.

HARVEST DATES: September 28, 2019

ALCOHOL 14.5%

pH 3.65

TA 5.82 g/L

RS 1.1 g/L

CELLARING: 16 Months – Tight grain French Oak - 35% New

BOTTLED: January 2021

CASES PRODUCED: 559

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