

2014 Russian River Valley Estate Petite Sirah



WINE DATA

Producer

Foppiano Vineyards

Region

Russian River Valley

Country

USA

Wine Composition

100% Petite Sirah

Alcohol %:

14.9 %

Total Acidity:

5.9 G/L

Residual Sugar

0.96 G/L

pH

3.68

DESCRIPTION

Elegant and complex example of this varietal. Ripe fruit dominates the aromas with a hint of pepper, toasted bread and licorice. The wine showcases a very substantial mid-palate, with sweet purple plum, black tea, baked cherry, fruit leather and huckleberry. The wine finishes with a pie crust and oaky spice, plus the tannins develop into a pleasant textural polish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

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. To ensure the wine is not over-extracted with tannin and unbalanced flavors, and to achieve elegant texture with approachable fruit, the winery uses hand punch-downs and light pump overs for gentle extraction during fermentation. A 22-month barrel-cellar period softens the finish and ages the wine so that it is ready-to-drink upon release. The wine was aged in 18% new French oak, 15% new Hungarian oak, 5% new American oak, and 62% used French oak.

SERVING HINTS

Pairs well with a variety of foods, including short ribs, grilled meats, stews, dark chocolate, and grilled figs with balsamic reduction.