

2019 Russian River Valley Estate Chardonnay



WINE DATA

Producer

Foppiano Vineyards

Region

Russian River Valley

Country

USA

Wine Composition

100% Chardonnay

Alcohol

14.5%

Total Acidity

5.88 G/L

Residual Sugar

1.8 G/L

pH:

3.62

DESCRIPTION

The 2019 Chardonnay exhibits aromas of apple blossom, jasmine, ripe apricots and warm straw with hints of crème brulee. The palate is full and rich with a gorgeous mouthfeel and flavors of d'Anjou pear, golden delicious apple skin and honeysuckle that give way to bright minerality, pineapple and lychee notes. The finish lingers with focused acidity.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Located just south of Healdsburg, Foppiano Vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed Russian River Valley. The Foppiano family has been producing world class fruit on this land since its purchase in 1896.

Whole-cluster pressing is a tried and true technique to enhance the quality of barrel-fermented Chardonnay. The grapes were harvested by hand in the early morning. The clusters were then pressed, and the juice was drained directly into chilled tanks. From there, the juice was inoculated with yeast and sent to a combination of 55% new French oak and 45% used French oak barrels for 8 months. The lees were stirred once per week, only during primary fermentation, to enhance the mouthfeel of the wine and to preserve fruit. After the primary fermentation, 65% of the wine went through native malolactic fermentation.

SERVING HINTS

Excelled pairings include seared scallops and roasted chicken with tarragon.