

## 2018 Russian River Valley Estate Pinot Noir



### WINE DATA

Producer  
Foppiano Vineyards

Country  
USA

Region  
Russian River Valley,  
California

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### Wine Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol  
14.3%

Total Acidity  
6.1 G/L

Residual Sugar  
1.1 G/L

pH:  
3.56

### DESCRIPTION

The 2018 Pinot Noir is developing beautifully, showing signs of further improvement in the bottle. Fruit and spice dominate the authentic Pinot Noir aromas leading to flavors that match the aromatics. The smooth tannins give way to a balanced, soft finish that showcases the layered complexity from the whole cluster fermentation.

### WINEMAKER'S 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 vineyards planted with Pinot Noir grapes are on the cooler land close to the Russian River. The Foppiano family has been producing world class fruit on this land since its purchase in 1896.

The grapes were harvested at night to enhance their elusive fruit flavors. Then hand-sorted to insure only the purest fruit went into the fermenter. The wine was fermented in open-top fermenters and punched down by hand. After gentle pressing, the wine was aged for 14 months in 45% new French oak barrels.

### SERVING HINTS

Pairing suggestions include lamb chops, mushroom risotto, seared duck breast and salmon.