

# FOPPIANO VINEYARDS ESTATE ZINFANDEL 2021

*Russian River Valley, California*

**FOPPIANO**  
VINEYARDS



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

**VITICULTURE:** Located just south of the town of Healdsburg, Foppiano vineyards sits on 160 acres in the acclaimed appellation of the Russian River Valley. Cool morning fog and warm summer days create an ideal microclimate for grape growing.

**VINIFICATION:** 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.

**INTERESTING FACT:** 2021 marked Foppiano Vineyards' 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> generation, in the early days Louis J Foppiano was key in the formation of the Russian River Valley AVA.

**FAMILY:** As one of the founding members of the Russian River Valley AVA and Sonoma County's oldest continually operated family-owned winery, Foppiano knows what it takes to make good wine. Acumen and intuition have guided this winery to good decision making since its founding in 1896 by Giovanni Foppiano. The winery survived the turbulent Prohibition era by selling home winemaking kits in the 1920s, and today, the fifth generation Foppiano, Paul, is President and Vineyard Manager.

**PRODUCER:** Foppiano Vineyards

**REGION:** Russian River Valley

**GRAPE(S):** 89% Zinfandel, 11% Barbera

**SKU:** FVZN2117

**ALCOHOL:** 14.9%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.1 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 1.2 G/L

**pH:** 3.55