

2017 Russian River Valley Estate Pinot Noir



WINE DATA

Producer
Foppiano Vineyards

Country
Russian River Valley

Region
California

Composition
100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol
14.3%

Total Acidity
5.9 G/L

Residual Sugar
.86 G/L

pH:
3.69

DESCRIPTION

The 2017 Estate Pinot noir shows a depth of color, aroma and flavor to rival the best producers in the Russian River Valley. A beautiful garnet color leads to aromas of red currant, earl grey, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cherry cedar. The winery feels that this wine absolutely represents the varietal and the Estate's potential, with its lovely aromatics and wonderfully layered complexity.

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. The grapes were harvested between September 5 - September 10, 2017. The Pinot Noir grapes were harvested at night, to fully capture their elegant fruit flavors. They are hand-sorted to ensure that only the finest fruit goes into the fermenter. The winery uses a gentle method of whole berry and whole cluster fermentation to maximize fruit aromatics and complexity. The wine is fermented in open-top fermenters and punched down by hand. After gentle pressing, the wine is aged in exceptional French oak barrels. (The barrels are 55% new French oak, and 45% used French oak - and the wine is aged for 14 months).

SERVING HINTS

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