“Paul Foppiano is the fifth generation at his family’s 160-acre vineyard in Healdsburg, and a major proponent of petite sirah. He farms six blocks of petite sirah, the oldest planted in 1970 to the Foppiano clone. Nova Perrill works it as gently as he can in the winery, taming petite’s formidable tannins into a sleek red wine. It’s tightly structured, not at all heavy, with dark red-berry fruit, and tannins that glint with minerality, giving the wine a radish-like bite. Still potent in its extract, this has the stuffing to age for ten years or more, and an openness that makes it approachable now.”

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