

ESTABLISHED
1896

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS

ESTATE

CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

v. 2023



VINEYARDS

Built on an immense legacy and good-old-fashioned hard work, Foppiano has been producing wine since the estate was founded in 1896. Located just south of Healdsburg, the winery sits on 160 acres in the renowned Russian River Valley. Cool morning fog and warm summer days create an ideal microclimate for balanced grape growing. Today, the vineyards are planted with Petite Sirah, Zinfandel, and Sauvignon Blanc on the warmer bench lands, and Pinot Noir and Chardonnay on the cooler blocks adjacent to the Russian River.

WINEMAKING

Harvested by hand in the early morning. Whole-cluster pressed and juice was drained directly into chilled tanks. From there, after settling, the juice was inoculated with yeast and sent to a combination of new French oak and used barrels. We stirred the lees once a week, only during primary fermentation, to enhance the mouthfeel of the wine and to preserve fruit. After the primary fermentation, 80% of the wine went through native malolactic fermentation.

TASTING NOTES

This Chardonnay showcases the age of the vines. Bright and golden with amazing clarity. Rich, yet balanced, it leads with fresh pineapple and pear, with touches of lemon creme. A full finish, with marshmallow, and touches of citrus, caramel, and almond. Easy to drink now, with complexity in its youth, yielding lingering fresh fruit, and ample viscosity.

HARVEST DATE | September 27th, 2023

ALCOHOL | 14.5% | pH 3.38 | TA 5.7 g/L

CELLARING | 30% New French oak

BOTTLED | September 2023

CASES PRODUCED | 3,771 cases