

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS



ESTABLISHED 1896

2004 Merlot, Estate, Russian River Valley

Established in 1896, and more than 100 years after its founding, Foppiano Vineyards continues to do what it did at its outset, create outstanding red wines with genuine varietal character, on its 200-acre Russian River Valley estate. This tradition is the foundation and the future for the Foppiano family's commitment to their second century of excellence.

Foppiano Vineyards, *leader in Petite Sirah education* offers red wine as our primary focus:

- ❖ *Petite Sirah*
- ❖ *Cabernet Sauvignon*
- ❖ *Pinot Noir*
- ❖ *Zinfandel*
- ❖ *Merlot*
- ❖ *Sangiovese*

Tech Data:

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Varietal Content	87% Estate Merlot, 10% Estate Cabernet Franc, 3% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel Aging	12 months in 2-year air-dried American oak
Case Production	2,000 cases
Alcohol	14.5%
Titrateable Acidity	0.62g/100ml
pH	3.64
Release Date	January 2007

Winemaker Bill Regan's Notes:

The **2004 Foppiano Vineyards Merlot Estate Russian River Valley** was made entirely from fully mature, 17-year old vines grown on the family's Russian River Valley Estate. The wine is medium-bodied and has rich garnet color. The nose has pronounced blackberry and currant fruit, that follow through on the palate. A bit of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon have been added to give this Merlot a balanced Bordeaux profile.

Best served with prime rib, medium-bodied past dishes, brie, and pork tenderloin.