

FOPPIANO

VINEYARDS



ESTABLISHED 1896

2005 Merlot, Estate, Russian River Valley

Established in 1896, and now more than 100 years after its founding, Foppiano Vineyards continues to do what it did at its outset; create outstanding 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:

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

Tech Data:

Appellation	Russian River Valley
Varietal Content	100 % Estate Merlot
Barrel aging	12 months in American oak, 24 months in air dried oak
Case Production	2,100 cases
Alcohol	13.5%
Titrateable Acidity	0.72g/100ml
pH	3.45
Release Date	July 2008

Winemaker Natalie West's Notes:

The **2005 Foppiano Vineyards Merlot Estate Russian River Valley** was made entirely from fully mature, 18-year old vines grown on the family's Russian River Valley ranch. This medium-bodied Merlot is a rich garnet color and has a lush mouth-feel. The nose exhibits violet, rose, and spicy black peppercorn. On the palate, this wine demonstrates pronounced black cherry, currant, and plum fruit. The finish has a lingering black cherry and toasty vanilla with earth tones, making this a very food friendly wine.

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

Suggested Retail: \$15.00