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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

IDENTIFICATION

1. Common name: Foppiano Winery
2. Historic name: Foppiano Winery
3. Street or rural address: 12707 Old Redwood Highway
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 County Sonoma
4. Parcel number: 086-110-22
5. Present Owner: Foppiano Winery Company Address: P.O. Box 606
City Healdsburg, CA Zip 95448 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Winery

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Non-Specific Industrial
- 7b. Briefly describe the present *physical description* of the site or structure and describe any major alterations from its original condition:

A rectangular one-story structure with a plain false front hiding a corrugated metal building with a metal gable roof. The doorways are arched and there are arched vents just beneath the top of the false front. The structure is currently being extended and it appears that the facade of the addition will match the existing one. Nearby is a gable roofed barn with a shed roof wing on one side.



8. Construction date:
Estimated 1935 Factual _____
9. Architect _____
10. Builder _____
11. Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage 500 Depth 300
or approx. acreage _____
12. Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
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13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings Densely built-up _____
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial _____ Other: _____
16. Threats to site: None known Private development _____ Zoning _____ Vandalism _____
Public Works project _____ Other: _____
17. Is the structure: On its original site? Moved? _____ Unknown? _____
18. Related features: Older buildings in rear

SIGNIFICANCE

19. Briefly state historical and/or architectural importance (include dates, events, and persons associated with the site.)

This concrete structure, built in the 1930's, is part of the oldest family-run winery in this area. This property was originally known as Riverside Farms Resort and was run by Ina B. Miller from at least 1977 to the 1890's. Giovanni Foppiano, born in Italy in 1844, came to the United States in 1861 and to Healdsburg in 1873. First living on land just west of this location, Foppiano engaged in vegetable growing and selling until he began to buy parcels of land for orchards and vineyards. In the 1890's G. Foppiano bought this property and an already existing winery run by Frank Schmidt since 1888. The property was given to, or bought by, G. Foppiano's son Louis, who established the Foppiano Winery in 1894. Louis ran the winery until his death when it was taken over by his son, Louis Foppiano, Jr. The Foppiano Winery is still in operation.

This structure is an example of how even a fairly plain false front could make a purely functional and unassuming building seem more substantial.

20. Main theme of the historic resource: (If more than one is checked, number in order of importance.)
 Architecture _____ Arts & Leisure _____
 Economic/Industrial Exploration/Settlement _____
 Government _____ Military _____
 Religion _____ Social/Education _____

21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).

Hist. So. Co. 1926
 INT.: Louis Foppiano, Jr. 1982
 So. Co. Atlas 1877, 1898

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