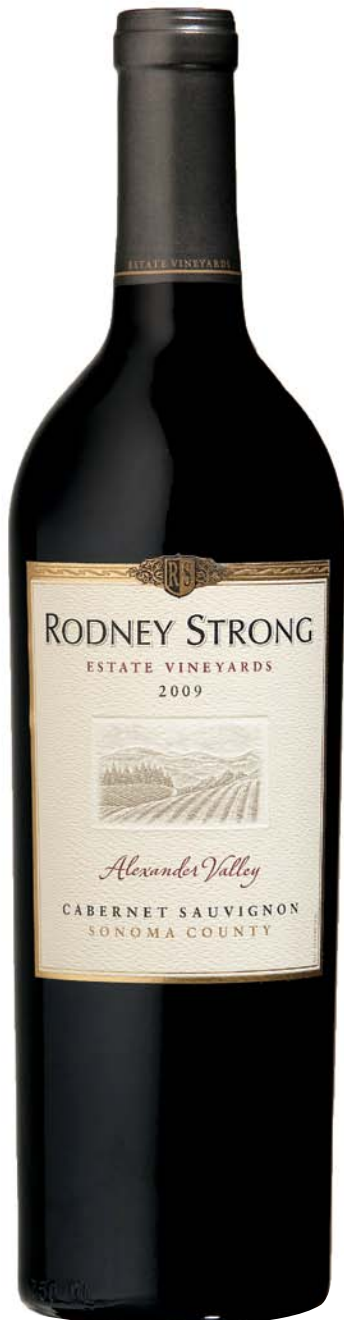




RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS



2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ALEXANDER VALLEY ESTATE, ALEXANDER VALLEY

WINEMAKER	Rick Sayre
ALCOHOL	14.0%
TA	0.59gm/100ml
PH	3.69
APPELLATION	Alexander Valley
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	16 months in French and American oak barrels

HISTORY

Rod Strong recognized the Alexander Valley as an ideal place to grow cabernet sauvignon as far back as 1971, when he planted our first cabernet vineyard on a hill known as Alexander's Crown. Today we proudly farm over 200 acres of estate cabernet on the benches and hillsides above the valley floor, where cabernet displays the finest expression of the Alexander Valley *terroir*.

IN THE VINEYARDS

For the third year in a row, the 2009 vintage started off with a dry spring, which typically produces smaller clusters, smaller berries, and less canopy overall. Spring was mild enough to ward off frost this year, and vines affected from the previous year seemed to rebound. The main growing season was cool to warm and without incident. Picking commenced by the third week of September, and all of our cabernet was harvested by October 28th.

TASTING NOTES

The Alexander Valley signature style is evident in this delicious cabernet: bold fruit aromas and flavors centered on red plum and boysenberry, and a rich and mouth-filling texture with soft tannins, all of which we've framed in the finest oak barrels for 16 months. Enjoy over the next 3 – 6 years.

