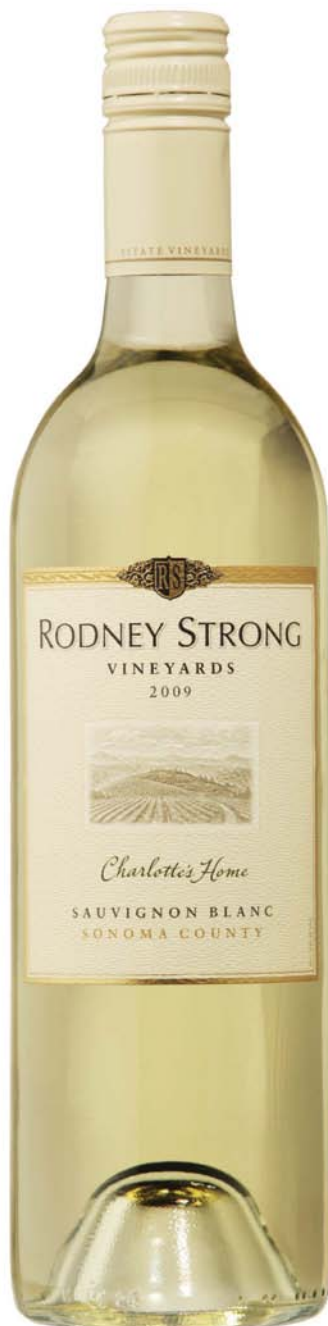




RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS



2009 CHARLOTTE'S HOME SAUVIGNON BLANC ESTATE VINEYARDS

WINEMAKER	Rick Sayre
ALCOHOL	13.5%
TA	0.59 gm/100ml
PH	3.34
APPELLATION	Sonoma County
BLEND	100% sauvignon blanc
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	90% cold fermented in stainless tanks with no malolactic, 10% barrel fermented in French oak barrels with completed malolactic

HISTORY

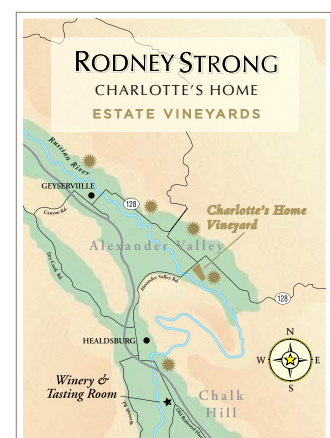
Rod Strong established our heritage sauvignon blanc vineyard in 1971, naming it Charlotte's Home in honor of his wife. Today that vineyard remains the core of our Charlotte's Home sauvignon blanc, along with other select estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley as well as the Russian River Valley.

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 at the end of August, and all of our sauvignon blanc was harvested by September 30th.

TASTING NOTES

Light, crisp, and highly aromatic, the warmer climate Alexander Valley fruit gives the wine ripe pear and melon character, while the ocean cooled Russian River fruit offers citrus, mineral, and traditional herbaceous qualities. Together, the two valleys make a classic Sonoma County sauvignon blanc that is fresh, lively, and will drink beautifully over the next 1 to 2 years.



Place Matters
Sonoma County, California

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