



RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS



2009 KNOTTY VINES ZINFANDEL ESTATE VINEYARDS

WINEMAKER	Rick Sayre
ALCOHOL	15.0%
TA	0.56gm/100ml
PH	3.75
APPELLATION	Northern Sonoma
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	16 months in French and American oak barrels

HISTORY

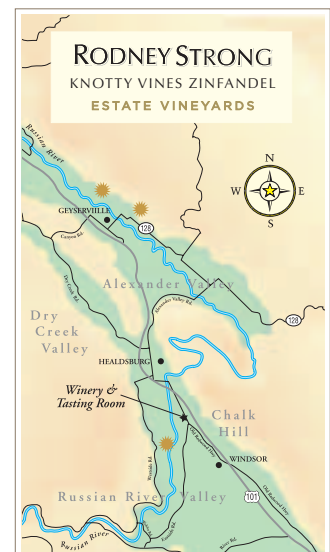
Zinfandel vines have been thriving in Sonoma County during the last three centuries. When Rod Strong first acquired benchland acreage on the west side of the Russian River, he wisely chose to leave untouched the 15 acres of old, gnarled zinfandel vines that had been growing there since 1904. Today we still harvest zinfandel from those same old vines, along with a handful of vineyards we farm to the north in the Alexander 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 in the middle of September, and all of our zinfandel was harvested by October 17th.

TASTING NOTES

Fresh, bright berry fruit from our heritage Russian River vineyard combined with the ripe peppery jamminess from our Alexander Valley vineyards make for wonderful diversity of flavor showcasing the best that zinfandel can offer in one wine. Aging for 16 months in French and American oak enhances the zinfandel's inherent spicy qualities, while the ebullient fruit of this medium rich wine suggests enjoyment over the next 2 to 4 years.



Place Matters
Sonoma County, California

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