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**✱✱93 Rodney Strong Reserve Alexander Valley 2007**

Here is the kind of big, ripe, liberally oaked Cabernet that will find favor first and foremost with unrepentant fans of the style. We will not argue that it might be a bit overdone, yet it is not out of control and its richness is not accidental. It is long on very deep, optimally ripened currant fruit and decked out with a full complement of sweet, slightly caramelly spice. There are plenty of tannins to ensure a long future, and, if needing at least five or six years, it has the build of a wine that could easily grow for a decade or more.