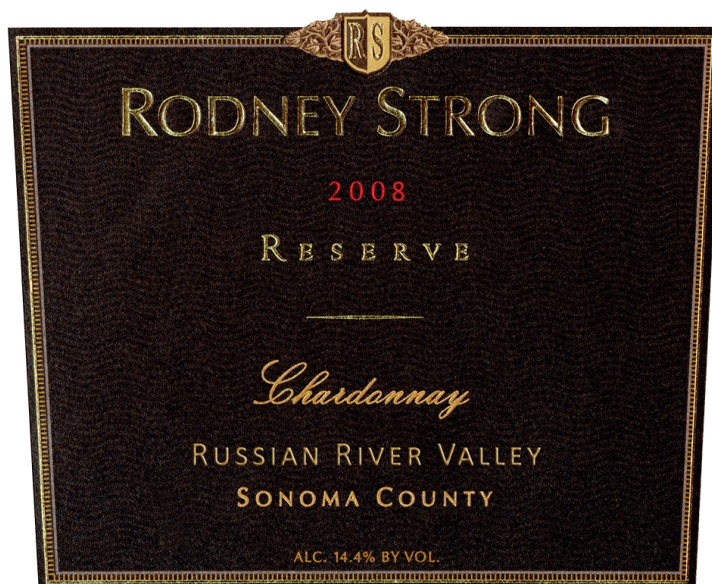


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There's a little orange zest here on the nose and nice notes of acacia over vanilla cream and big notes of bitter apples with hints of ginger and nutmeg. This is big on entry but gains excellent focus in the mouth. The acidity is really firm and lends the fruit a brightness on the palate, which is all green apples with a hint of orange and papaya. Nicely aromatic in the mouth with fairly restrained oak notes lending some nutty spice to the mid-palate and then pulling back again on the finish, which is long and does show a fair amount of heat, but also reveals wonderful persistence of fruit. There's a hint of creaminess up front here but this really is quite fresh feeling.