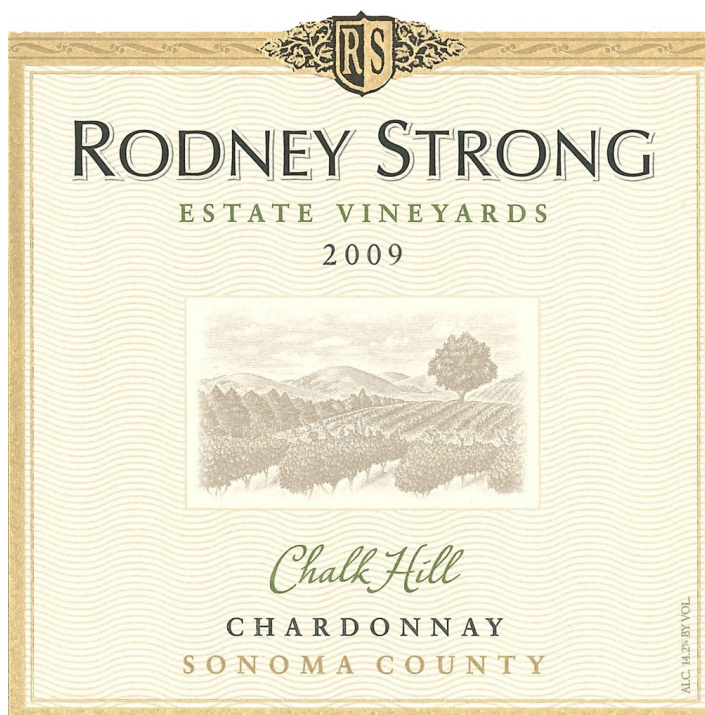


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Walnut cream, sweet toasty oak, apple blossom, peach skin and green apple greet the nose. This is super bright on entry and really clear on the palate. There's lovely depth to the tart fruit accented with flecks of minerality and very complex spice notes that are well integrated. The finish is clean and minerally with a very restrained heirloom apple note that slowly drifts away. This really is wonderfully balanced and while air does lend it some added heft, it remained fairly elegant and brightly fruited.