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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

WINEMAKER: Rick Sayre

VARIETAL: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION: Sonoma County
(76% Alexander Valley, 16% Dry Creek Valley, 6% Russian River Valley, 2% Sonoma County)

ALCOHOL: 14.17%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.68 gm/100ml

pH: 3.46

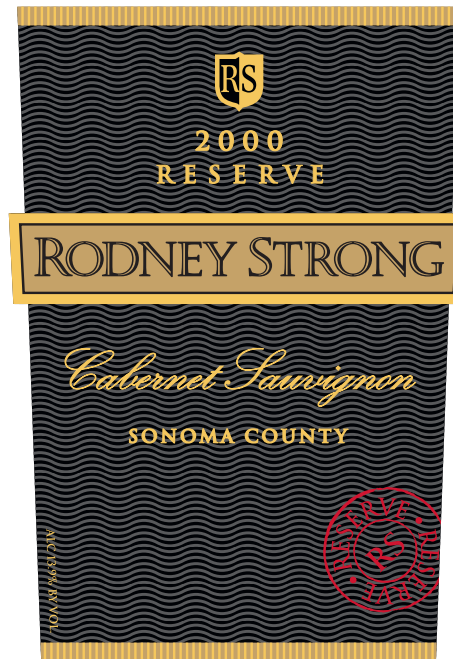
RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.5%

FERMENTATION / CELLARING:

24 months in oak barrels. 63% new French, 23% new American, 14% seasoned French.

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2000
RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS
SONOMA COUNTY
RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TASTING NOTES

The vintage 2000 marked the 30th year Rodney Strong Vineyards has been growing cabernet sauvignon in Sonoma County. But it wasn't until the 1987 vintage that owner Tom Klein asked Rick Sayre to put together a small blend of the very best cabernet that he had made from that year.

The Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon was born.

Visitors to the winery often ask what "Reserve" means to us. It's simple. Reserve means the winemaker's careful blend of individual wines made from time tested, meticulously farmed sections of some of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Each lot is vinified separately, aged in our finest barrels, and then selected by the winemaker, barrel by barrel, for the final assembly. It literally is a matter of taste.

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