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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

WINEMAKER: Rick Sayre

VARIETAL: 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION: Russian River Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.16%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.58 gm/100ml

pH: 3.47

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.07%

CELLARING: 12 months in French oak,
77% new, 23% seasoned.

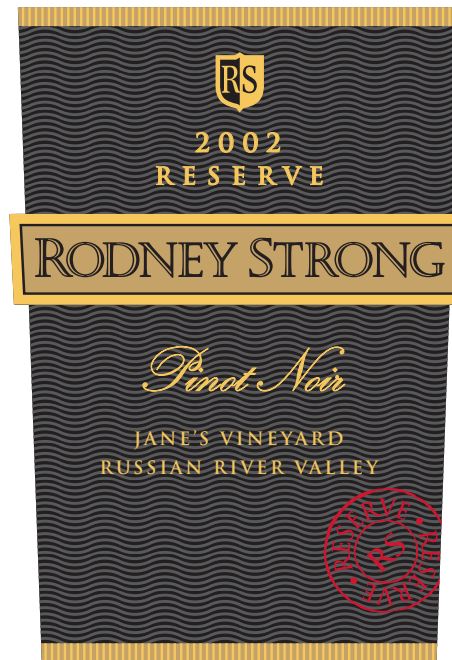
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2002

RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS JANE'S VINEYARD, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY RESERVE PINOT NOIR



TASTING NOTES

The Russian River Valley is well established as one of the premier pinot noir growing regions in the world, and we have been growing pinot noir here for over thirty years. Jane's Vineyard, a more recent planting of pinot noir named in honor Tom Klein's mother, provided an incredible opportunity to take advantage of the newest technology, nursery material, and other modern viticultural advances.

Sharing the neighborhood with some of the Russian River Valley's most important vineyards, soils here are shallow and highly acidic, stressing vines into producing naturally smaller berries, which translates into more concentrated flavors. We planted seven different "clones", or sub-varieties of pinot noir, knowing each had the potential to make great wine by itself, or contribute as an important component of a blend.

In 2002, along with the usual cool, foggy nights and grey mornings - essential to fine pinot noir - the typically mild afternoons of the Russian River Valley were enhanced by an especially warm summer, providing excellent maturity and ripe fruit character in Jane's vineyard. Each "clone" was harvested and vinified separately, and the winemaker's final selection was made to highlight the best flavors of the vintage, and the distinctive character of this vineyard.

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