

CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ALEXANDER VALLEY

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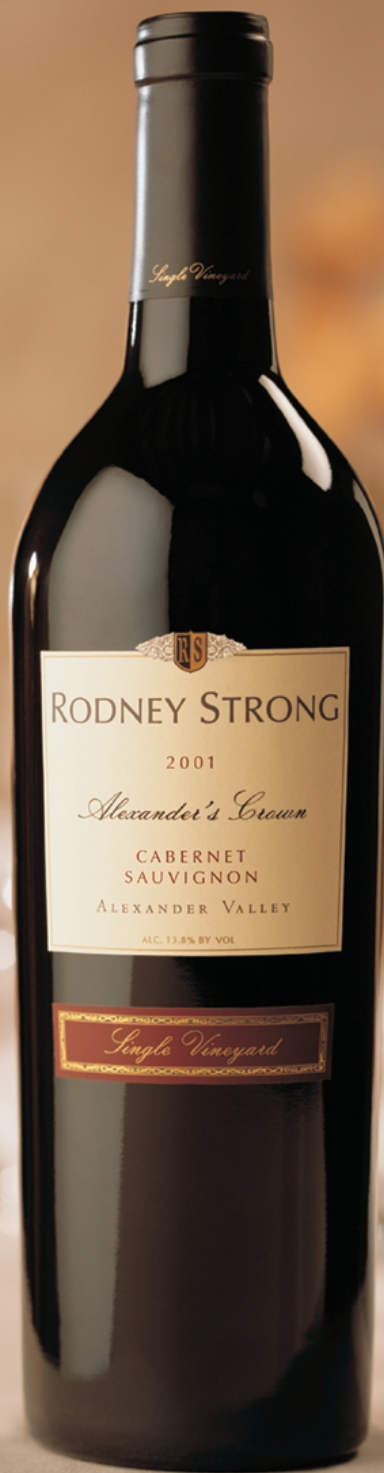
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ALEXANDER VALLEY SINGLE VINEYARD

Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Alexander Valley
Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.62 gm/100ml
pH:	3.72
Residual Sugar:	0.03%
Cellar & Fermentation:	20 months in oak, 57% French, 31% American, 12% European

History

Alexander's Crown Vineyard produced the first vineyard designated cabernet sauvignon in Sonoma County. Planted by Rod Strong in 1971, the first vintage was the unforgettable 1974, which placed Sonoma County, and the Alexander's Crown, indelibly on "the map", not to mention garnering top honors by winning the Sweepstakes award at the Sonoma County Harvest Fair. Since then, it has continued to gain prominence over the years.

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In the Vineyards

The Alexander's Crown Vineyard is unique geologically in its dramatic soil changes from red, iron rich volcanic at the summit, to heavy black clay loam at the base. Thrusting throne-like from the valley floor, vines on the Crown capture sunlight throughout the day, but cool down significantly in the evening from the moderating effect of the Russian River and nearby Pacific Ocean. Every change in soil, slope and direction provides opportunities for complexity, and in keeping with our philosophy, each unique section of the Crown vineyard is harvested separately, vinified separately, and reassembled artfully into the multifaceted cabernet that we've known for thirty years.

Tasting Notes

Refined dark berry and fresh earth are core flavors with the Crown, and are accented by hints of mint and herbs. A full 20 months in primarily French oak adds a subtle toasty spice component and both rounds and softens this elegant, Bordeaux styled Cabernet into a graceful expression of the varietal that will entreat you to enjoy another glass. Drink this classic "collector's" cabernet sauvignon over the next 6 to 10 years.



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