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RICK SAYRE, WINEMAKER

TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

WINEMAKER: Rick Sayre

BLEND: 78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
22% Merlot

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.66 gm/100ml

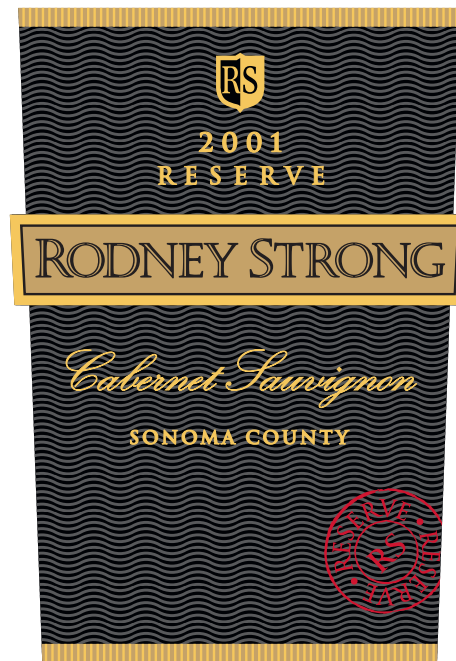
pH: 3.57

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.03%

FERMENTATION / CELLARING:
28 months in oak barrels. 35% new
French, 7% new American, 58%
seasoned French.

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2001
RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS
SONOMA COUNTY
RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



TASTING NOTES

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.

The 2001 vintage started off very cold, heated up quickly in May, and then settled into a moderate summer and autumn that stayed rain-free through harvest. These are ideal harvest conditions for a noteworthy vintage, and patient winemakers benefited from the extended maturation time which typically allows for optimal flavor accumulation in the fruit.

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