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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

WINEMAKER: Rick Sayre

BLEND: 95% Pinot Noir, 5% Syrah

APPELLATION: Sonoma County

ALCOHOL: 13.74%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.53 gm/100ml

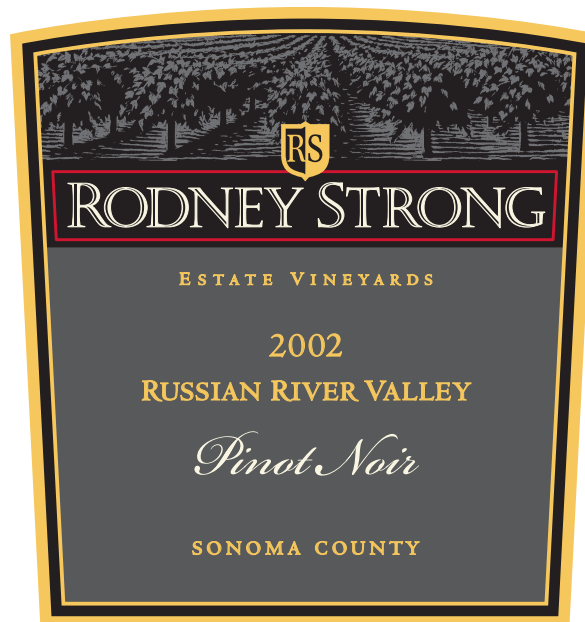
pH: 3.49

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 0.04%

CELLARING: 12 months in 37% new, 63% Seasoned Oak - 92% French Oak, 7% European Oak, 1% American Oak

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2002
RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS
 RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
PINOT NOIR



TASTING NOTES

Rod Strong was among the first modern wine pioneers with a vision to plant pinot noir in the Russian River Valley. In 1968 he planted our heritage River East Vineyard in the alluvial clay-loam soils adjacent to the winery in Healdsburg. Today the Russian River Valley is well established as one of the premier pinot noir growing regions in the world, and we continue to rely on the original River East Vineyard as a core contributor to our estate vineyard bottling.

The Russian River Valley is greatly subjected to cool, Pacific Ocean air, which is pulled in each afternoon as warm air in the interior valleys rises. This ocean air condenses, and the resulting nightly fog is slow to burn off, with vineyards frequently fogged-in as late as noon! In 2002, despite the cold foggy nights - essential to fine pinot noir - the typically mild afternoons of the Russian River Valley were enhanced by a pleasantly warm summer, providing excellent maturity and fruit character in our pinot noir vineyards.

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