

RODNEY STRONG

SAUVIGNON BLANC

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Winemaker:	Rick Sayre
Blend:	99% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Semillon
Appellation:	Sonoma County (55% Alexander Valley, 45% Russian River Valley)
Alcohol:	13.5 %
Total Acidity:	0.6 gm/100ml
pH:	3.33
Residual Sugar:	0.24%
Cellar & Fermentation:	92% cold fermented in stainless tanks with no malolactic, 8% barrel fermented in new American oak barrels with completed malolactic.

History

Rod Strong established our heritage sauvignon blanc vineyard in 1971, naming it Charlotte's Home in honor of his wife. Today that vineyard remains the core of our Charlotte's Home Sauvignon Blanc, along with other select estate vineyards in the Alexander Valley as well as the Russian River Valley.

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In the Vineyards

The 2004 vintage began with an early bud break during an unseasonably warm March, followed by a contrastingly cool April. After a normal May and June, July and the first part of August were on the cool side, but by the end of August, harvest was well underway as a heat spell got ripening going strong and early for most varietals, with all of our sauvignon blanc in by the third of September.

Tasting Notes

Light, crisp and highly aromatic, the warmer climate Alexander Valley fruit gives the wine ripe pear and melon character, while the ocean cooled Russian River fruit offers citrus, mineral and traditional herbaceous character. Together, the two valleys make a classic Sonoma County sauvignon blanc that is fresh, lively and will drink beautifully over the next 1 to 2 years.



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