

A GEM FROM THE RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

RODNEY STRONG RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY
ESTATE PINOT NOIR



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VINEYARDS



WHY RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

Rod Strong led the way in pioneering Russian River Valley as a growing region for Pinot Noir. 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.

LOCATION

- In the geographical heart of Sonoma County, Russian River Valley expresses true cool climate viticulture and wine growing, delivering distinct Pinot Noir from this renowned AVA

OUR VINEYARDS

- Sourced from 2 estate vineyards: River East and Jane's, plus other family growers
- Vineyards are from around Russian River Valley, with diverse soils, which adds to complexity of the wine
- Clones: Pommard, Dijon and Martini. Pommard = earthy, Old World Style. Dijon = bright fruit. Martini = soft, earthy character

SOIL TYPES

- The predominant soil is Sandstone/Goldridge loam soil, some of the area's most desirable soil for growing Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
- In the central portion of the appellation, there are large amounts of clay in the soil, which retains less water than Goldridge loam and is also well suited to growing Pinot Noir
- The River benchlands are comprised of alluvial materials, a fine-grained fertile soil deposited by water flowing over flood plains or in river beds

CLIMATE AND GROWING CONDITIONS

- The diverse climate, mostly warm days and cool nights, is a result of fog, from the Russian River and Petaluma Gap causing temperatures to drop 35–40 degrees from daytime high
- This natural air-conditioning allows the grapes to cool for full flavor development, low sugars and higher acids
- Averages a 15–20% longer growing season than other Sonoma County AVAs due to cooler climate





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MY FAMILY'S COMMITMENT TO CRAFTSMANSHIP

"There are no shortcuts when it comes to making *world-class wines*. It requires great vineyards. It demands a committed, passionate winemaking team. And it calls for an investment in craftsmanship. We've gathered it all here at Rodney Strong. No Shortcuts. It's my family's commitment."

TOM KLEIN, PROPRIETOR

OUR STORY

At Rodney Strong Vineyards, we focus on modern artisan winemaking, exclusively from Sonoma County, California. Our family-owned winery is committed to quality wines and to protecting our resources for the future. We practice sustainable and Fish Friendly Farming and we are Sonoma County's first carbon neutral winery.

IT STARTS IN THE VINEYARD

It is impossible to make great wine from mediocre grapes. Starting with top quality sites and advanced viticultural practices, we pursue excellence in every grape, ensuring ideal ripeness and picking only then, even if it means just a row at a time.

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WINEMAKING

- Aged for 13 months in small French oak barrels, with 35% in new oak

TASTE PROFILES

- Red cherry, pomegranate, baking spice and earth
- Medium bodied with a hint of toasty vanilla and spice complexity
- Bright and elegant palate with zesty acidity
- Long mouth-watering finish

GREAT SCORES VINTAGE AFTER VINTAGE

2013 ESTATE PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL & 96 POINTS

WINE REVIEW ONLINE | February 2016

94 POINTS ULTIMATE WINE CHALLENGE | June 2015

2012 ESTATE PINOT NOIR, RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

90 POINTS WINE ENTHUSIAST | May 2014

90 POINTS WINE ADVOCATE | December 2014

