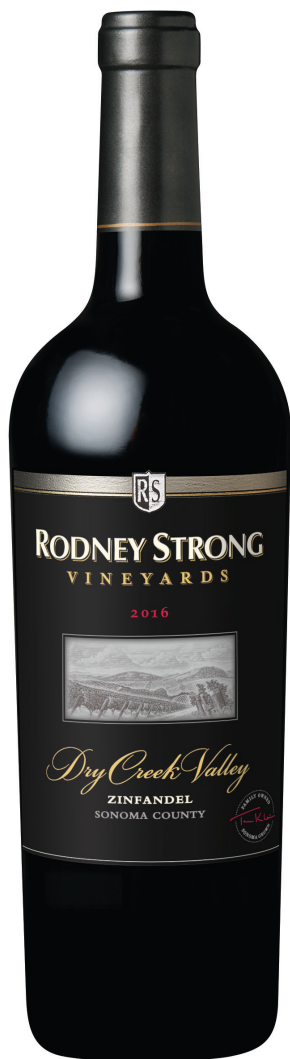


RODNEY STRONG
ZINFANDEL
DRY CREEK VALLEY

2016 ZINFANDEL
ESTATE VINEYARDS



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 are solar powered, certified sustainable, practice Fish Friendly Farming and were the first to officially offset our carbon footprint in Sonoma County.

HISTORY

The Dry Creek Valley is legendary for producing great Zinfandel, and we were fortunate to discover an excellent vineyard there in 2007 that has been enhancing our Knotty Vines Zinfandel ever since. In recent years, that vineyard has truly begun to shine. We decided to bottle a small amount separately to highlight its unique character which reflects the briary, peppery nature of Dry Creek Zinfandel.

THE VINTAGE & VINEYARD

The 2016 growing season was about as close to ideal as we can get. We received about an average amount of rain over Winter, with only one big storm coming through in early March that topped off soil moisture. Spring was very pleasant, so the vines got off to a great, albeit early, start. Average temperatures continued through summer, with the occasional heat spike. Warm temperatures continued into the Fall, so the Zinfandel harvest started earlier than normal. Dry Creek Valley harvest kicked off in mid-September.

TASTING NOTES

Ruby red colored, with fresh aromas of ripe blackberries, cherry pie, black pepper and dusty earth, this full bodied wine was aged for 18 months in primarily French oak barrels, which added layers of toast and baking spices. Elegant and silky, this wine has refined tannins and is extremely well balanced. Enjoy this Zinfandel now with Manchego cheese, bacon wrapped dates or spiced barbecue dishes, or cellar for enjoyment over the next two to four years.


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WINEMAKER Justin Seidenfeld
ALCOHOL 15%
TA 0.35g/100 mL
PH 4.00
APPELLATION Dry Creek Valley;
Sauers Grove Vineyard
VARIETAL 100% Zinfandel
CELLAR & FERMENTATION 18 months in 10% American
and 90% French oak barrels,
55% new

