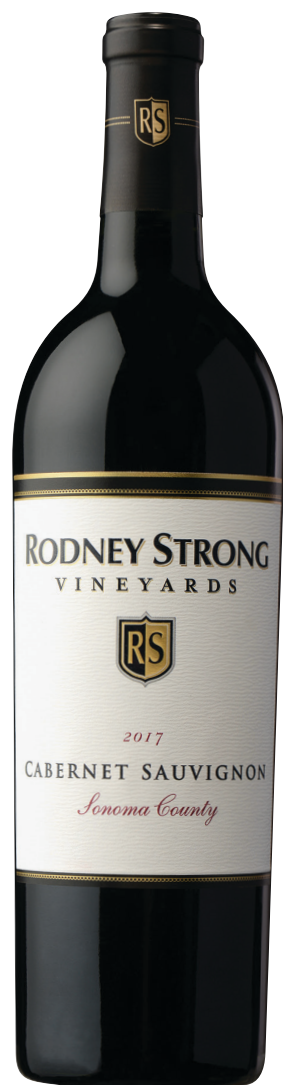


# SONOMA COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2017



## OUR STORY

*Since 1959, our passion has been to craft best in class wines in our sustainable winery to share with friends and family. 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 we were the first winery in Sonoma County to offset our carbon footprint. With an eye on the future, innovation in the cellar and the vineyards is at the heart of all that we do.*

## HISTORY

Rodney Strong recognized in the late 1960s that Sonoma County's Alexander Valley was an exceptional area for heat loving Cabernet Sauvignon. He planted our first Cabernet vineyard in 1971, Alexander's Crown, on a small hill in Jintown, and the reputation for fine Sonoma County Cabernet has never looked back. Today we have three exceptional Cabernet vineyards, from Jintown to Geyserville, and all the way north to Cloverdale, planted in the well-drained alluvial, volcanic, and uplifted shale/sandstone soils that make Sonoma County an ideal place for this noble grape.

## THE VINTAGE & VINEYARD

The 2017 vintage will not be soon forgotten. The all-time precipitation record was set by mid-April as rain swept like waves over the North Coast, filling all the lakes, ponds and reservoirs. As the rain clouds subsided and the sun appeared, the vineyards in the Russian River Valley endured six different heat waves at or above 100°F, including a memorable 110°F on Labor Day. We harvested the fruit from September 6 through October 20 to make this beautiful Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon.

## TASTING NOTES

Our 2017 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon is rich with dark cherry, plum and baking spices. The delicious fruit is accompanied by black pepper notes, crushed violet and cassis. The palate has medium tannins, lingering spicy oak flavors with a velvety lush finish. Enjoy this Cabernet Sauvignon now with a grilled steak, rack of lamb or grilled winter vegetables.



**RODNEY STRONG**  
VINEYARDS

**WINEMAKERS** Justin Seidenfeld

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**TA** 0.59g/100mL

**PH** 3.74

**APPELLATION** Sonoma County

**VARIETAL** 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot,  
3% Syrah, 3% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec,  
2% Petite Sirah, 2% Zinfandel

**CELLAR & FERMENTATION** 16 months in French  
oak barrels, 20% new



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