

PINOT NOIR

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2018

WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld, Greg Morthole
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	0.52g/100mL
PH	3.60
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new



Certified Sustainable Winery
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OUR STORY

Started in 1959 by Sonoma County pioneer Rod Strong and led by the Klein family since 1989, Rodney Strong Vineyards is a family of passionate people committed to crafting premium wines, great experiences and delivering a vision for sustainability in Sonoma County. We are united by our passion for wine and the belief that nothing brings people together better than sharing a great bottle of Rodney Strong wine.

HISTORY

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 VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2018 growing season was dry through the spring with well below normal precipitation. Cooler weather dominated this vintage with only two short, relatively mild heat spikes through the entire growing season. Summer days were very pleasant in Sonoma County with highs in the 70s and 80s and with August having even warmer temperatures. Harvest took place September 6-29.

TASTING

Our 2018 Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has deep aromas of plum, brown sugar and baked fruit. Warm and richly inviting, the tannins are present in the mid palate and melt on the finish. This vintage is uniquely earthy and complex with notes of tobacco, baked cherry pie and spice. Enjoy this Pinot Noir now with charcuterie, wild mushroom risotto or grilled pork tenderloin topped with a cherry compote or whole grain mustard sauce.

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