

2018 Reserve PINOT NOIR RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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.



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PHILOSOPHY

Our Reserve wines are the result of a careful blend of individual lots from meticulously farmed sections of some of the very best vineyards in Sonoma County. Created in our small lot Artisan Cellar, Winemaker Justin Seidenfeld employs techniques such as cluster pre-sorting and extended maceration. With small tanks and equipment sized for the most discriminating vineyard selection process, our cellar is state-of-the-art and represents the Klein family commitment to producing the finest wines possible.

IN THE CELLAR

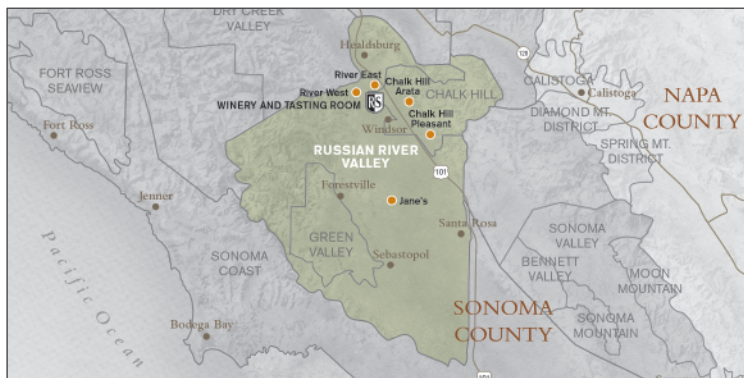
For our 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir, select areas within each vineyard are hand harvested, fermented separately and aged in the finest French oak. Each lot is tasted and graded and only the best are considered. The blend is then assembled, and the wine is aged 16 months before bottling.

THE VINTAGE

The 2018 winter was much drier than usual but this vintage will be most remembered for its cool summer temperatures and lack of heat spikes. Daily highs in July and August peaked at 85°F but, as the weather cooled and mist hung in the air, our decision to pick was delayed by several weeks past the previous year. This longer hang time resulted in larger yields and more complex flavors as we waited for the sugars to accumulate, with harvest taking place September 12 - October 4.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Reserve Pinot Noir has heady aromas of toasty oak around a core of cherry and pomegranate fruit with notes of melted dark chocolate and caramel. Spicy flavors continue on the rich palate with lasting hints of toasted marshmallow and fine tannins. Enjoy this wine now with sweet and spicy Moroccan roasted carrots, truffle risotto or cellar for enjoyment over the next few years.



WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld, Tom Klein (vintner)		
WINE GROWER	Ryan Decker		
ALCOHOL	14.5%	TA 0.58 g/100 mL	PH 3.65
APPELLATION	100% Russian River Valley		
BLEND	100% Pinot Noir		
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	16 months in 100% French oak barrels, 10% new		

