



Rodney
Strong
Vineyards



RESERVE CHARDONNAY

Russian River Valley

2021

WINEMAKERS	Greg Morthole (Winemaker), Justin Seidenfeld (Director), Tom Klein (Vintner)
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	0.71g/100mL
PH	3.17
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	14 months in 100% French oak barrels, 53% new



OUR STORY

We at Rodney Strong are united by our passion for crafting the highest quality wines from the very best vineyards across Sonoma County. With over 60 years of family ownership and 1,158 acres of estate vineyards, we exemplify Cabernet and what it means to be world class Sonoma quality. We are united by our passion for Sonoma County, Cabernet Sauvignon and the belief that nothing brings people together better than sharing superb experiences with a great bottle of Rodney Strong wine.

HISTORY

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.

THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2021 vintage was mild and dry. Seasonable weather made for pleasant spring and summer days. Under the ideal ripening conditions, we predicted an early harvest. But Mother Nature had other plans and as we checked berry sugars in the late summer the blocks seemed to need a little more time to ripen than originally predicted. The old Wente clone Chardonnay was planted on the famed St. George rootstock in 1977 in our Shiloh vineyard, up against the foothills of the Mayacamas mountain range that rise just to the east. It yielded 2 tons per acre this harvest, far less than the average for Chardonnay in the Russian River Valley.

TASTING

Golden apple, poached pear, and crème brûlée aromas over layers of creamy oak lead to a rich mouthfeel with honey and graham cracker flavors and fresh underlying acidity. The balanced midpalate lasts through the finish, with quince, custard, and baked apple flavors.

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