

## PINOT NOIR

### RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2020

WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld, Greg Morthole
ALCOHOL	13.5%
TA	0.59g/100mL
PH	3.48
APPELLATION	100% Russian River Valley
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	18 months in French oak barrels, 29% 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

In 2020, Sonoma County received a substantial amount of winter rain before drier weather took over, the season ending up at about 60% of average precipitation. Beautiful summer days with moderate temperatures ended with a long heat spell in mid-August, driving sugars up and leading us to harvest a little earlier than anticipated, but at full ripeness, from August 19-31.

### TASTING

Our 2020 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 mushroom and toasted oak. 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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 Since 1959*