

2020 Reserve CHARDONNAY

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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.



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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

Our 2020 Reserve Chardonnay was handpicked at night, whole cluster pressed, cold settled, fermented in select barrels with native yeast, allowed to complete native malolactic fermentation, and aged sur-lie with monthly bâtonnage before the individual barrels were selected for the final blend.

THE VINTAGE

2020 was notable for being another dry growing season, with only a few showers throughout spring, milder weather through most of the year and lower yields at harvest. The dry season and judicious irrigation resulted in smaller leaves and canopy area, allowing the fruit to acclimate to greater light exposure than is typical. With everything in balance, we harvested August 17th and 31st.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 vintage of our Reserve Chardonnay has wonderful aromas of poached pear, green apple and custard, leading to creamy oak and a touch of vanilla. The rich, full mouthfeel shows crème brûlée and piña colada on a decadant palate. It finishes smooth and creamy with toasted oak and baked bread highlights.



WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld, Tom Klein (vintner)		
WINE GROWER	Ryan Decker		
ALCOHOL	13.5%	TA 0.74 g/100 mL	PH 3.42
APPELLATION	100% Russian River Valley		
VINEYARDS	98% Garfield, 2% Sonoma Foothill		
BLEND	100% Chardonnay		
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	13 months in French oak barrels, 89% new		



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