



PINOT NOIR

Russian River Valley

2023

WINEMAKERS	Greg Morthole
ALCOHOL	14.5%
TA	0.58g/100mL
PH	3.59
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
VARIETAL	100% Pinot Noir
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	7-days fermentation in tank, 8 months in French oak barrels, 35% 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

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

Late winter and early spring brought waves of atmospheric rivers dropping 40 inches of tropical moisture on the Russian River Valley, delaying bud break by about three weeks as the saturated ground waited to dry out. Warm and dry weather finally came and was the norm through August, rarely hitting 95°F. Tropical storms in the summer brought waves of cloudy weather and cooler days to our vineyards, delaying ripening even further. Sunny weather followed with slow sugar accumulation in the berries, then the vines started accumulating sugar rapidly as harvest approached. We picked our Russian River Valley Pinot Noir from September 12 through October 23, a month later than the previous vintage, due to the late bud break in the spring and the cooler weather this vintage.

TASTING

Complex aromas of ripe plum, forest floor, black truffle, barrel toast and fireplace embers lead to a silky rich mouthfeel with ripe cherry and red plum flavors over cured meat and dark toasted oak. Acidity plays on the palate the whole time but appears more on the finish with a touch of fine tannins and a kiss of espresso.

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