

# CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Sonoma County

WINEMAKERS Olivia Wright

ALCOHOL 14.5%

TA 0.58g/100mL

PH 3.72

APPELLATION Sonoma County

VARIETAL Cabernet Sauvignon

CELLAR & 16 months in French oak barrels, FERMENTATION 20% 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 1158 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

Rodney Strong recognized in the late 1960s that Sonoma County's Alexander Valley was an exceptional area for heat loving Cabernet Sauvignon. He planted our first Cabernet vineyard in 1971, Alexander's Crown, on a small hill in Jimtown, and the reputation for fine Sonoma County Cabernet has never looked back. Today we have three exceptional Cabernet vineyards, from Jimtown to Geyserville, and all the way north to Cloverdale, planted in the well-drained alluvial, volcanic, and uplifted shale/sandstone soils that make Sonoma County an ideal place for this noble grape.

#### THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2022 vintage was dry and mild. Rain from the previous winter was light, and the new year was warm and dry with daytime highs up to 70°F in early spring. After a few light sprinkles in the late spring and early summer, the temperature climbed into the triple digits a few days in June, but the season was mild overall, with most summer days peaking around 85-90°F. The balance of moderately high daytime temperatures and cool evenings yielded ideal flavor concentration and mild acidity. Due to the dry and seasonable weather, the fruit for this blend was harvested slowly and steadily between September 15th and October 5th.

## **TASTING**

Our Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon is rich with inviting dark cherry, plum and baking spice flavors. The delicious fruit is accompanied by lively black pepper notes, crushed violets and cassis. The palate has medium tannins, subtle toasty oak flavors with a velvety lush finish. Enjoy this Cabernet Sauvignon now with a grilled steak, rack of lamb or grilled winter vegetables.

