STRONG

Olivia Wright **WINEMAKERS** 

14.5% **ALCOHOL** 

0.60g/100mL TA

3.72

Sonoma County **APPELLATION** 

33% Merlot, 25% Zinfandel, **VARIETAL** 

> 16% Malbec, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Touriga Nacional, 3% Teroldego, 2% Grenache noir

**CELLAR &** FERMENTATION 12 months in French oak barrels,

25% new



# **OUR STORY**

We at Rodney Strong are united by our passion for crafting the highest quality wines the very best vineyards across Sonoma County. With over 60 years of family ownership and from 1158 acres of estate vineyards, we exemplify what it means to be world class Sonoma quality. We are united by our passion for Sonoma County, and the belief that nothing bring people together better than sharing superb experiences with a great bottle of Rodney Strong wine.

## HISTORY

Our Rodney Strong winemaking team has been growing Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon since the early 1970s, when Rod Strong first planted both varietals in the heart of Alexander Valley. Today, we continue to grow grapes that display the deep dark flavors and mature tannins typical of these noble varietals. Sonoma County is where Rod Strong set his roots and today the Klein family upholds the tradition of crafting exceptional wines from this iconic growing region.

### THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2023 vintage is not one we will soon forget. A cool and wet winter led to a budbreak 2-3 weeks later than average. Daytime temperatures throughout the growing season continued to be unusually cool, with averages in the low 70s and the warmest days just reaching into the mid 80s. This led to an exceptionally late harvest – over a full month later than 2022 on average, offering the grapes an extended hang time to develop extraordinary complexity and concentration. The evening coastal breezes into Sonoma County preserved fresh acidity and created beautiful balance with the season's generous ripe fruit flavors.

#### **TASTING**

This smooth, supple, fruit forward Red Wine bursts with blackberry, dark cherry, and hints of spice. Its full body is supported with soft, rounded tannins and a lingering finish. Enjoy this food-friendly, versatile Red Blend with Korean short ribs, spaghetti marinara, or honey roasted butternut squash.