

Russian River Valley

2024 CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKERS	Justin Seidenfeld
ALCOHOL	14.0%
TA	0.72 g/100mL
PH	3.11
APPELLATION	Russian River Valley
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay
CELLAR & FERMENTATION	12 months in 100% 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 1,115 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 brings people together better than sharing superb experiences with a great bottle of Rodney Strong wine.

HISTORY

Our founder Rod Strong was among the first to recognize the Russian River Valley as an ideal place to plant Chardonnay. Our River West Vineyard is located on Westside Road, on a low riverside bench, in the far northern end of the Russian River Valley. The terrain is gently sloping and beautifully diverse, allowing us to meticulously plant each block to highlight the unique characteristics of a varietal. The soil is predominantly Yolo sandy-silt loam with pockets of gravelly Cortina, both well-draining soils that create an ideal atmosphere for beautifully developed grapes. The result is a delicious Chardonnay that is a true representation of one of our winemaker's most loved sites.

THE VINTAGE AND VINEYARD

The 2024 vintage in the Russian River offered consistent warmth and bountiful sunshine resulting in wines of remarkable richness and character. The season began with replenished soils from a long rainy winter. Moderately warm, dry, and temperate Spring weather from budbreak through flowering allowed for healthy fruit set. The summer heat ramped up with peak temperatures consistently in the 90s throughout August and early September, providing the vines with the necessary warmth for optimal ripening, while cool foggy mornings and coastal breezes helped preserve freshness.

TASTING

An energetic expression of the Russian River Valley showing bright yellow peach and yuzu citrus aromas. On the palate, just ripe Bartlett pears with a kiss of crème brûlée from sur lie aging in carefully selected French oak barrels. Soft acidity uplifts the wine's full, creamy midpalate. Enjoy this Chardonnay with soft cheeses, roasted chicken, or a fresh poke bowl.

