









## RODNEY STRONG VINEYARDS

**\$29.00**

\* Suggested retail price

### Pinot Noir Russian River Valley 2021

	Product code	11383502
	Licensee price	\$25.19
	Format	12x750ml
	Listing type	SAQ Specialty by lot
	Status	Available
	Type of product	Still Wine
	Country	United States
	Regulated designation	American Viticultural Areas (AVA)
	Region	California
	Subregion	Sonoma, Russian River
	Varietal(s)	Pinot Noir 98 %
	Varietal(s)	Syrah 2 %
	Colour	Red
	Sugar	Dry
	Closure type	Screw Cap
	Aging vessel type	French/Hungarian oak barrels, 40% new
	Length of aging	14 months

#### ABOUT THIS WINERY

Rodney Strong Vineyards is dedicated to Sonoma County. The winery was established in 1959 by Rod Strong, one of the first pioneers of the modern wine industry in California, as the 13th bonded winery in Sonoma County. Rodney Strong Vineyards grow and produce wines exclusively from four of Sonoma County's finest appellations - Russian River Valley, Chalk Hill, Alexander Valley and Sonoma Coast.

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with a hint of minerality before notes of ripe strawberry and cherry fruit fill your senses. Toasted marshmallow, baking spice and creamy tones follow in a nod to the choice of oak barrels. The rich mouth is balanced with acidity underpinning flavors of cherry, spice and savory notes. The finish is elegant, showing classic flavors of cherry compote and toasted oak through the end.

#### PRODUCT NOTES

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.

#### PRODUCTION NOTES

The 2021 vintage was mild and dry. Seasonable weather made for very pleasant spring and summer days.



**MARK ANTHONY**

Due to the even temperatures, we predicted an early harvest, but we found that the blocks were ripening slow and steady and needed a little more time to ripen than in previous vintages. The cooler climate Dutton Ranch vineyards picked earliest due to lower yields, largely due to a higher percentage of smaller, seedless berries.

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