

RODNEY STRONG  
PINOT NOIR  
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

2015 PINOT NOIR  
ESTATE VINEYARDS



**OUR STORY**

At Rodney Strong Vineyards we focus on modern artisan winemaking, exclusively from Sonoma County, California. Our family-owned winery is committed to quality wines and to protecting our resources for the future. We are solar powered, certified sustainable, practice Fish Friendly Farming and Sonoma County's first carbon neutral winery.

**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 & VINEYARD**

Early winter showers were followed by a warm, dry beginning to the new growing season, setting the stage for an early bud break. Alternating overcast days and heat waves continued through spring and summer, with a particularly hot period in late June, and an unseasonal rain in July. The Pinot Noir was harvested August 10 through September 4.

**TASTING NOTES**

The 2015 Estate Russian River Valley Pinot Noir has lovely aromas of red fruit, floral and earth. With a soft and silky texture, on the palate dark cherry, cranberry, and baking spice characteristics shine through with balance, acidity and a nice lingering finish. This medium bodied wine was aged for 14 months in small French oak barrels, which added a hint of toasty vanilla and spice complexity. Enjoy this Pinot Noir now with charcuterie, wild mushroom risotto, grilled pork tenderloin or cellar it for enjoyment for the next 2 to 4 years.



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**WINEMAKER** Rick Sayre, Justin Seidenfeld

**ALCOHOL** 14.5%

**TA** 0.52 g/100 mL

**PH** 3.60

**APPELLATION** Russian River Valley  
Sonoma County

**VARIETAL** 100% Pinot Noir

**CELLAR & FERMENTATION** 14 months in 100% French  
oak barrels, 35% new

