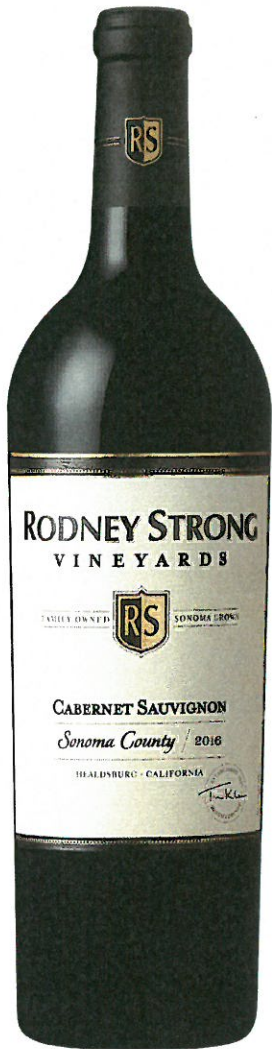


RODNEY STRONG  
SONOMA COUNTY  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
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**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 the first to officially offset our carbon footprint in Sonoma County.*

**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 Jintown, and the reputation for fine Sonoma County Cabernet has never looked back. Today we have three exceptional Cabernet vineyards, from Jintown 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 & VINEYARD**

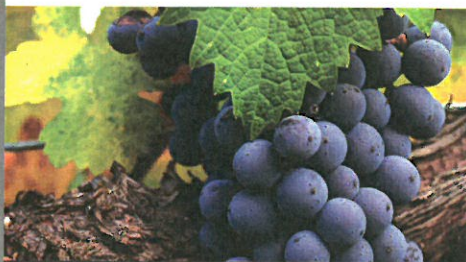
The 2016 growing season was about as close to ideal as we can get. We received an average amount of rain over winter, with only one big storm in early March that topped off soil moisture. Spring was very pleasant, so the vines got off to a great, albeit early, start. Average temperatures continued through summer, with the occasional heat spike that Cabernet seems to love. Warm temperatures continued into the fall, so the Cabernet harvest started about 7-10 days earlier than normal. Northern Alexander Valley kicked off in mid-September, and we wrapped up in the second week of October on the other end of the Valley.

**TASTING NOTES**

Our 2016 Sonoma County Cabernet Sauvignon is rich with dark cherry, plum and baking spices. The delicious fruit is accompanied by black pepper notes, crushed violet and cassis. The palate has medium tannins, lingering spicy oak flavors with a velvety lush finish. Enjoy this Cabernet now with a grilled steak, rack of lamb or grilled winter vegetables.



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<b>WINEMAKER</b>	Justin Seidenfeld and Rick Sayre
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	13.5%
<b>TA</b>	0.58g/100 mL
<b>PH</b>	3.73
<b>APPELLATION</b>	Sonoma County
<b>VARIETAL</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>CELLAR &amp; FERMENTATION</b>	16 months in 45% French and 55% American oak barrels

