

ROBERT SINSKEY

Rob Sinskey believes that making luxuriously elegant wines and farming with earth friendly methods are not mutually exclusive. Rather, he has found that caring for the land organically, combined with conscientious business practices (including a solar powered winery, using biodiesel from used restaurant oil in tractors and trucks, and having sheep and chickens mow the cover crops) have helped define the well-crafted wines of RSV.

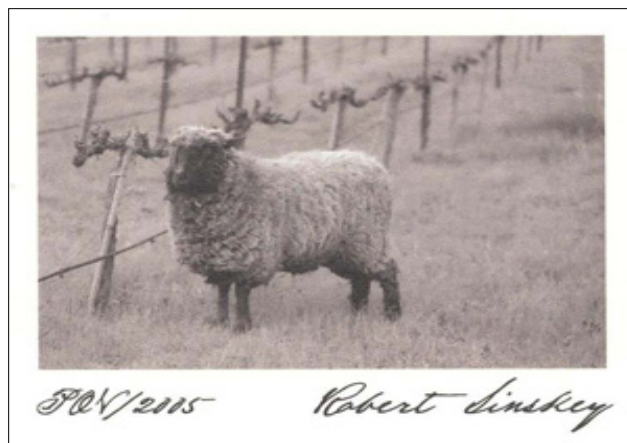


After 20 years, his philosophy that "Wine is not an athletic event" still holds true to this day. The goal has always been to make "pure wines of character that pair well with cuisine." RSV is spreading the gospel that organically grown grapes produce fine wines of great individuality.

RSV's holdings have grown from 15 to over 200 acres of CCOF certified organic and Demeter certified Biodynamic vineyards in five Carneros locations (Three Amigos, Vandal, OSR and Capa in Napa Carneros and the Scintilla Vineyard in Sonoma Carneros) with a small estate vineyard behind the winery in the Stags Leap District.

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Varietal/Blend: "Right-Bank Bordeaux" blend of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and a small portion of Cabernet Sauvignon

Farming: certified CCOF organic grapes / practicing biodynamic

Soil: clay

Fermentation: de-stemmed and fermented in stainless steel till dry

Aging: 19 months in 30% new French oak barrels

Alcohol: 13.7%

Yeast: cultured

Fined: yes

Filtered: yes

Production #s: 2950 Cases

Grown in RSV's organic cool-climate Carneros Vineyards, this wine has more in common with the Right-Bank of the Old World than the Left-Bank of the New World — and for good reason. RSV's Vandal Vineyard is in many ways like the Right-Bank of Napa with a heat summation similar to Saint-Émilion. No wonder Cabernet Franc and Merlot thrive here with vibrant fruit that has just the right amount of naturally-occurring, mouth-watering acidity. Combine those two varieties with a touch of Cabernet Sauvignon for backbone and longevity, and you have a wine that in our POV strikes a perfect balance of supple fruit and elegant structure to be the perfect dinner companion.

Country: United States

Region: Napa Valley

Sub Region: Los Carneros

Vineyard: Vandal, OSR, and Three Amigos