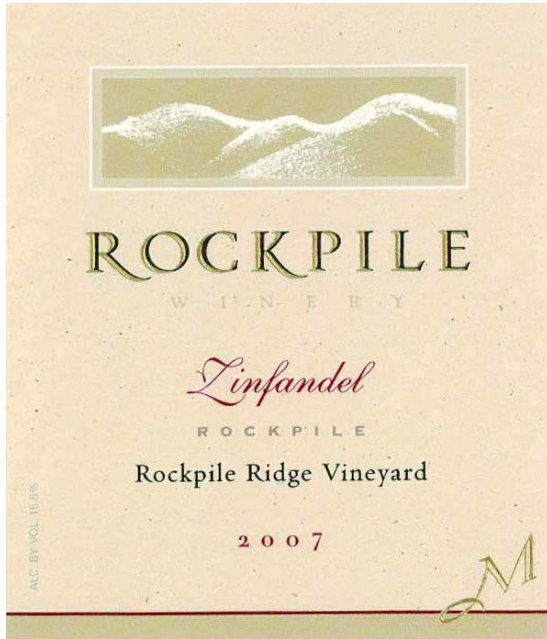


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2007 ROCKPILE Ridge Vineyard Zinfandel Rockpile

91 Points

 Two Puffs

“Deep, rich, convincingly varietal and not nearly as overwrought as its high alcohol might suggest, this wine is yet another example of the thesis that balance and focus are more important than numbers in judging wine regardless of what the “new wisdom” is in some parts of the wine world. No question that the wine is full in body and runs to slight fleshiness, yet we drank it after our tasting with a long-cooked pork roast in a rich sauce and it was a delight.”



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