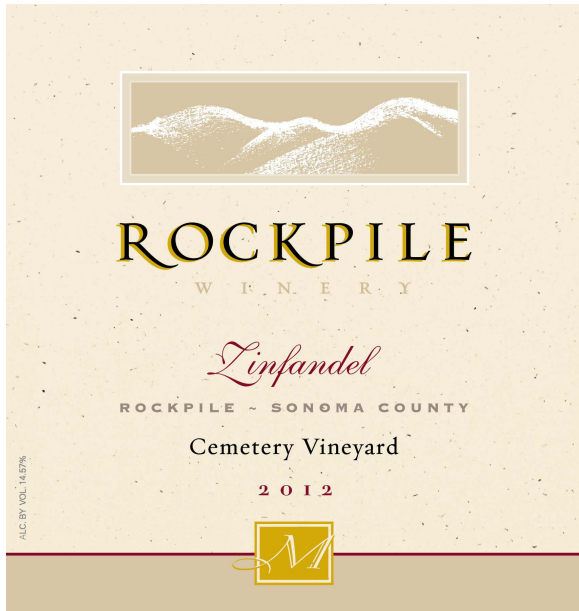


2012 Mauritson Rockpile Zinfandel

Cemetery Vineyard



Production: Approximately 782 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Cemetery Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.57 % by volume

Aging: 18 months in oak barrels
85% French
15% American

Winemaker Notes

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyards are located at nearly 1,200 ft elevation in the Rockpile appellation. The Cemetery block gets its name from the unusual outcropping of rock at the bottom of the vineyard that resembles giant headstones. This area of the ranch has been called the Cemetery for over 140 years. The Cemetery Vineyard straddles the Rodgers Creek Fault, one of the more active earthquake faults in Northern California, giving it amazing diversity or soil composition.

Characteristic of the incredible 2012 vintage, this is one of the finest Zinfandels we have ever made from the Cemetery vineyard. The nose is a combination of dark fruit, minerals, hints of toasted brioche and subtle oak. On the entry, the wine is both lush and powerful. The brooding nature of the fruit is apparent as are the complex layers that this wine has to reveal. The 2012 vintage is one of the most balanced of the past decade. Ripe fruit and rich notes of roasted coffee are complemented by earthen minerals. The tannins are both firm and velvety, and the acid gives the wine freshness. Enjoy the 2012 Cemetery Vineyard Zinfandel over the next 8-12 years.

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