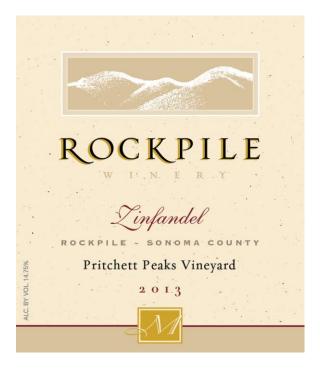
## 2013 Mauritson Rockpile Zinfandel

"Pritchett Peaks Vineyard"



Production:	Approximately 365 cases
Appellation:	Rockpile
Composition:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Pritchett Peaks
Alcohol:	14.75 % by volume
Aging:	<ul><li>15 months in oak barrels</li><li>80% French</li><li>20% American</li></ul>
Rating:	<sup>£3£3</sup> 92 Points, Connoisseurs' Guide, January 2016

## Winemaker Notes

Pritchett Peaks are the mountains that form the eastern border of Lake Sonoma and are named after the Pritchett family, some of the early settlers in the Rockpile area. My family purchased this property, which borders our original 1868 homestead, nearly 10 years ago. Located at approximately 1,250-ft elevation at the top of the Rockpile ridgeline, this vineyard site represents a completely different terroir than our current lineup of Rockpile Zinfandels. Characterized by its Eastern sun exposure, this block only gets direct sunlight early in the morning, and with a nearly 30-degree slope, it has optimal drainage and wind exposure.

The 2013 growing season was near perfect. With slightly more heat than its preceding vintage, the wines exhibit bright fruit and incredible focus. The nose is a combination of high-toned dark fruit, sweet spice and subtle oak. On the entry, there is both concentration and power. Brambleberry and hints of black pepper coalesce into blackberry cobbler in the mid-palate. Balance is the name of the game on the finish: The broad tannins and bright acid mesh perfectly, showing the wine's aging potential. Enjoy the 2013 Pritchett Peaks Zinfandel over the next 7-10 years.