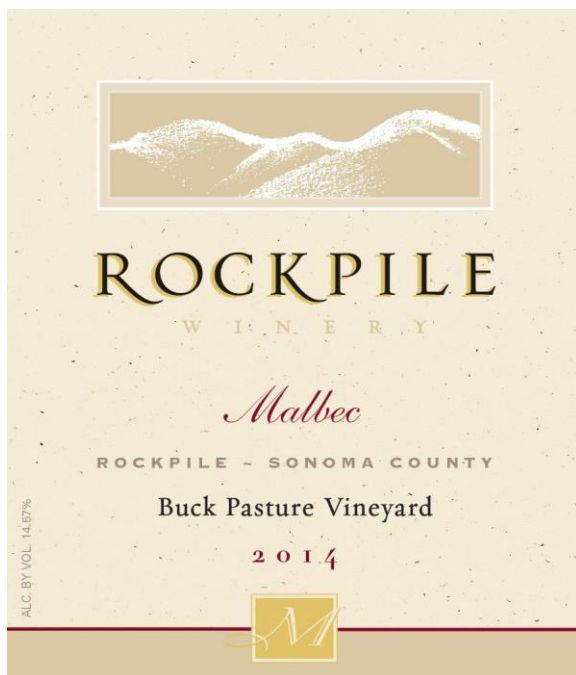


2014 Mauritsen Rockpile Malbec ***“Buck Pasture Vineyard”***



Production: Approximately 208 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Malbec

Vineyards: Buck Pasture Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.75% by volume

Aging: 20 months in oak barrels
100% French

Winemaker Notes

Back in the old days when you wanted to find a big buck, you went to the area of the ranch called the Buck Pasture. These days, the Buck Pasture is home to some of our Bordeaux varieties: Malbec, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. With an elevation of nearly 1,100 feet, an average slope of 25 degrees and sweeping southwestern sun exposures, you could not ask for a better place to grow Malbec. Composed primarily of gravelly loam soils, there is very little water retention, which limits the vigor and yield of these vines.

The 2014 vintage tops off a three-year string of impeccable growing conditions. This wine is firing on all cylinders. Aromas of candied-blackberry, dried wild herbs and sweet baking spices waft from the glass. On the entry the wine is round and full, yet it retains its balance, showing a measure of finesse through the finish. Anise, espresso grounds and black cherry coat the palate in glorious fashion. The tannins are velvety but still have enough weight to sustain 8+ years of aging. Enjoy the 2014 Rockpile Malbec over the next 6-8 years.

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