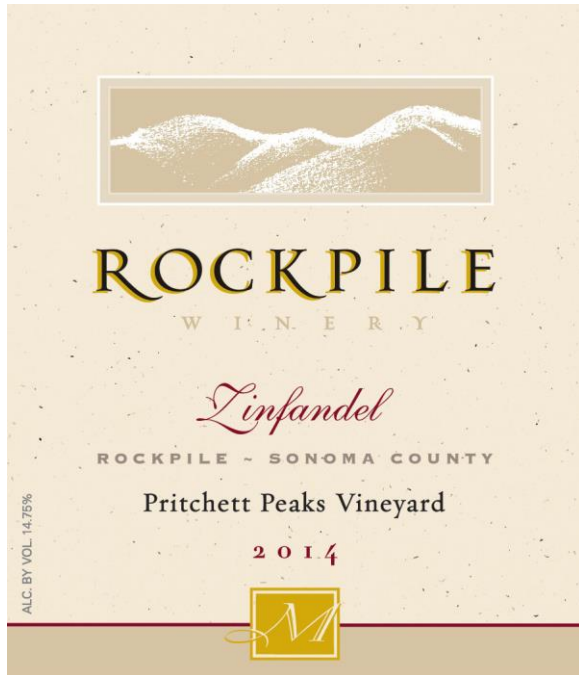


2014 Mauritson Rockpile Zinfandel “Pritchett Peaks Vineyard”



Production: Approximately 243 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Pritchett Peaks

Alcohol: 14.75 % by volume

Aging: 15 months in oak barrels
80% French
20% American

Winemaker Notes

The 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.

In the incredible three-year stretch of 2012-2014, there is no doubt that 2014 was “top dog” for Zinfandel. With much lower yields and near perfect growing conditions, the Pritchett Peaks Zinfandel has beautiful 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. Black cherry and hints of black pepper coalesce into rich notes of baked cobbler in the mid-palate. The lush tannins and bright acid mesh perfectly, showing the wine’s aging potential. Enjoy the 2014 Pritchett Peaks Zinfandel over the next 7-10 years.

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