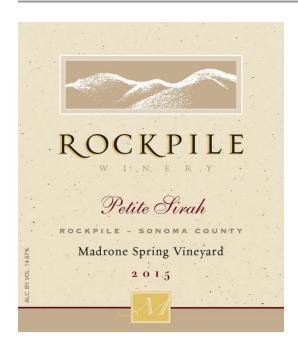


## MAURITSON

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## 2015 Rockpile Petite Sirah Madrone Spring Vineyard

**Production:** 83 cases

**Appellation:** Rockpile

Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

**Vineyard:** Madrone Spring Vineyard

**Alcohol:** 14.57 % by volume

**Aging:** 16 months in oak barrels

100% French

## Winemakers' Perspective

Our Petite Sirah is planted in the Madrone Spring block, named after a year-round spring flowing from the roots of an old Madrone tree. Part of our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyards, this block is at 1,200-ft. elevation and has extremely porous soils, which are ideal for Petite Sirah. The vines also have southeastern sun exposure, giving the fruit maximum sun from the morning to midday, ensuring that it ripens, but not too quickly. It is one of the last blocks harvested year in and year out and it shows in the complexity of flavor.

On the nose, there are sweet aromas of black plum, violet and intriguing earth tones. Though very youthful on the palate, this wine shows incredible promise, and is dense and full-bodied with great freshness. It has an amazing savory, dried-herb element that marries well with the ripe blueberry, coffee and vanilla tones. The tannins are broad and firm on the finish, but they don't detract from from the wine's balance. Please enjoy the 2015 Rockpile Petite Sirah from late 2018 to 2025.

Cheers,

Clay & Emma