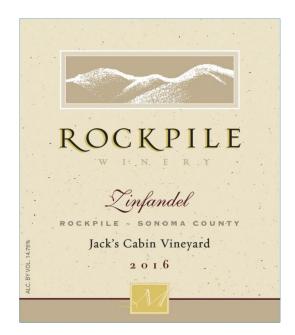


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2016 Rockpile Zinfandel Jack's Cabin Vineyard

Production: 575 cases

Appellation:

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Jack's Cabin Vineyard

Rockpile

Alcohol: 14.75 % by volume

Aging: 15 months in oak barrels 100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

Named after one of the area's earliest settlers, the Jack's Cabin site has quite a colorful history. Though Jack Ireland's primary occupation was clearing land for sheep and cattle grazing, he was most known for his moonshine and disregard for the law, as apparently he spent many a night in the county jail. When my father, and grandfather before him, were growing up on the property, only the tattered remnants of Jack's house remained. The old decrepit structure only strengthened the notion that the "cabin" was haunted, and thus was born the legend of Jack's Cabin!

Planted at nearly 950 feet in elevation and roughly 15 degrees slope, Jack's Cabin Vineyard is one of the premier sites of Rockpile. It has a southern sun exposure and is planted with the meandering natural slope of the bench. Relatively hidden from the coastal breezes that howl through Rockpile, this vineyard is the least stressed of all the blocks.

The Jack's Cabin Zinfandel has a reputation of being one of the most opulent Rockpile Zins and the 2016 does not disappoint. Aromas of high-toned black cherry are overlaid with rich chocolate and sweet baking spices. The lush entry explodes with bright red fruit followed by hints of espresso grounds and graham cracker. Plush tannins overlay the incredible ripe and supple fruit that our Jack's Cabin Zinfandel offers. The traditional Rockpile stamp of great balance and acidity shines through, making it a great accompaniment to food. Enjoy this wine over the next 5-7 years.

Cheers,

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