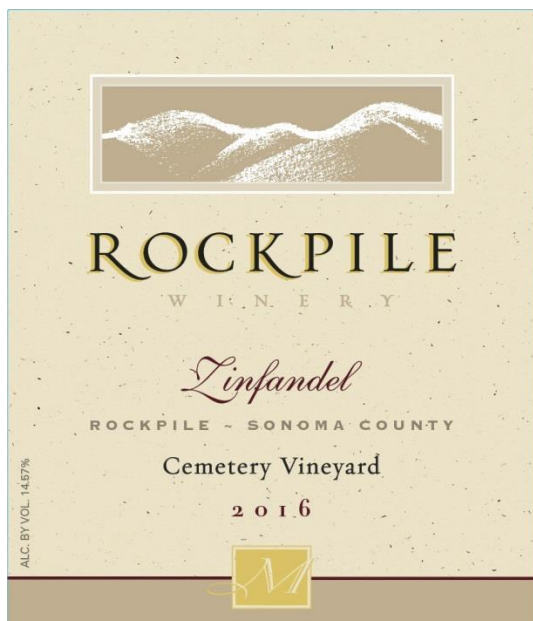




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Winemakers' Perspective

The Cemetery block gets its name from the unusual outcropping of rock at the bottom of the vineyard that resembles giant headstones. This part of our Rockpile Ridge Vineyards has been called the Cemetery for more than 140 years. Located at nearly 1,200 feet in elevation, it straddles the Rodgers Creek Fault, one of the more active earthquake faults in Northern California, giving its soil composition amazing diversity.

The darkest of our 2016 Rockpile Zinfandels, our Cemetery Zinfandel has a complex, slightly briary, sweet earthy nose that opens to warm summer blackberry freshly picked and crushed in your hand. This Zinfandel is both concentrated and harmonious for such an energetic wine. On the palate, the fresh blueberry, crushed rock and hints of wild dried underbrush are present from start to finish. Despite being tightly wound, this wine shows incredible promise. Its intensity and focus will allow it to age beautifully over the next 10+ years.

Cheers

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Winemaker

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Associate Winemaker

2016 Rockpile Zinfandel Cemetery Vineyard

Production:	556 cases
Appellation:	Rockpile
Composition:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Cemetery Vineyard
Alcohol:	14.57 % by volume
Aging:	18 months in oak barrels 100% French

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