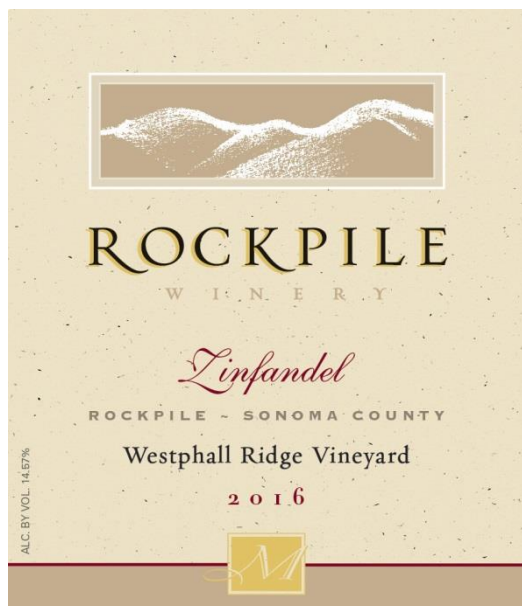




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2016 Rockpile Zinfandel Westphall Ridge Vineyard

Production:	340 cases
Appellation:	Rockpile
Composition:	100% Zinfandel
Vineyard:	Westphall Ridge Vineyard
Alcohol:	14.75 % by volume
Aging:	11 months in oak barrels 100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

The Westphall Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,400-ft. elevation in the Rockpile appellation, the highest in elevation of all of our single vineyard wines. This vineyard is characterized by its western sun exposures, red volcanic soil and steep slope. The sun exposure provides phenolic maturity without overripe flavors. The soil composition and extreme slope are what really set this Zinfandel apart, continually yielding intense floral notes layered with an iron minerality.

The 2016 vintage produced Zinfandels with strong varietal focus and great concentration. The 2016 Westphall Ridge Zinfandel has an explosive nose of pure fresh crushed black raspberry, summer ripened Santa Rosa plum, old fashioned rose and an underlying pulse of roasted coffee bean. The entry is inviting with fresh berry flavors that mirror those on the nose. The light first impression on the palate is a perfect match for the rich fruit and silky tannins that follow. Relatively approachable now, it would benefit from at least 12 months of patient bottle aging to access some of its secondary and tertiary attributes. Please enjoy over the next 5-7 years.

Cheers,

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