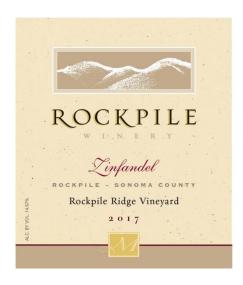


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2017 Rockpile Zinfandel

Rockpile Ridge Vineyard

Production: 826 Cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 93% Zinfandel

7% Petite Sirah

Vineyard: Rockpile Ridge Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.57 % by volume

Aging: 15 months in oak barrels

100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,200 feet in elevation in the Rockpile appellation. This vineyard has sweeping sun exposures from southeast to northwest and consists of nine distinctly different blocks of Zinfandel. The blocks are harvested at different times and fermented separately to insure the integrity and uniqueness of the individual blocks. Working with the different sun exposures, soil compositions, slopes and drainages is a winemaking dream come true and what makes our Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel so spectacular.

The nose on this vintage is explosive and complex, with aromas of fresh-baked blackberry pie, toasted almond grounds dusted with dark cocoa and the classic touches of savory roasted herbs and sweet earth – signatures of our Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel. Full-bodied and concentrated, this wine is not shy in delivering beautifully perfumed fruit, seamlessly tied in with a plush and velvety palate. As you will find in all of our 2017 Rockpile Zinfandels, there is a little more accessibility than expected for such a young wine, but it (and they) retain incredible staying power. This incredible Zinfandel would benefit from at least 1-2 years of bottle age. Enjoy over the next 10-12 years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson Winemaker Emma Kudritzki Hall Associate Winemaker