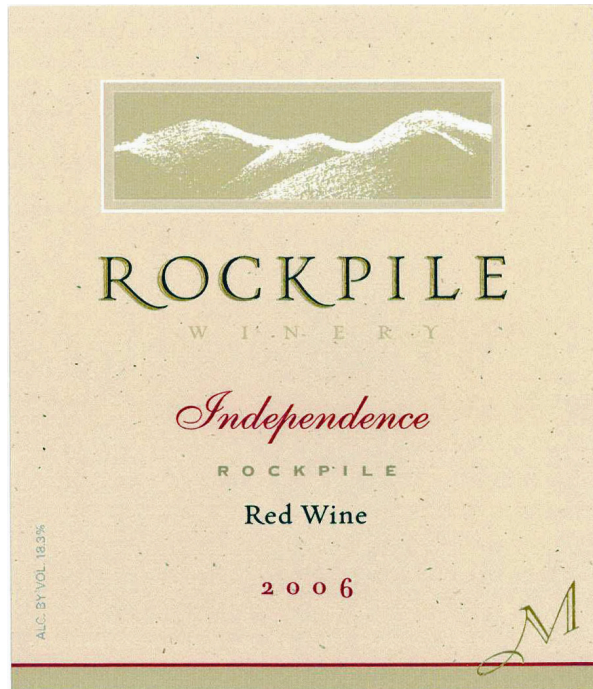


## ***2006 Mauritson Rockpile “Independence”***



Production: Approximately 215 cases  
500ml bottles

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 23% Tinta Cão  
23% Touriga Nacional  
23% Sousão  
23% Tinta Madeira  
8% Tannat

Vineyards: Rockpile Ridge Vineyards

Alcohol: 18.3% by volume

Aging: 16 months oak barrels  
100% French

### **Winemaker Notes**

Port has always been a passion of mine. Some of my fondest family memories revolve around the dinner table: great food, great wine, and of course, finishing the evening off with a great bottle of Port. In 1999 when we started planting our Rockpile vineyards, I seized the opportunity to fulfill one of my lifelong wine dreams: to make a true vintage port, using the authentic Portuguese varieties. We planted four of the “Big Five” varieties that make up port, as well as taking some creative liberty in planting Tannat. We have exhausted every effort to make this wine as true to a vintage port as possible, all the way down to stomping the grapes with our feet.

The 2006 “Independence” boasts a dense black/purple color. The incredible viscosity of this wine is apparent from the second you pour it into your glass. Rich aromas of chocolate and vanilla are complemented by the fragrance of dark fruits and toasted nuts. Full and glutinous in the front palate, phenomenal tannins lay just below the surface of this heady wine. The finish is surprisingly lush and long for such a young wine. This wine should age incredibly well over the next 10-15 years.

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