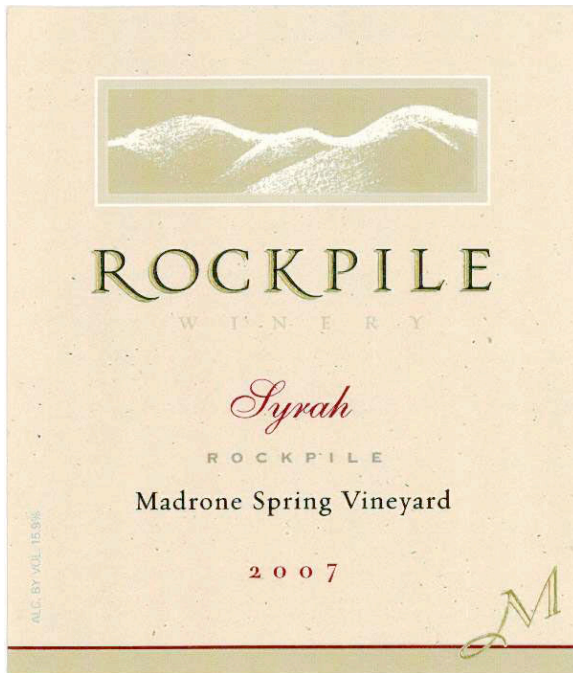


## *2007 Mauritson Rockpile Syrah*



Production: Approximately 257 cases  
Appellation: Rockpile  
Composition: 100% Syrah  
Vineyards: Madrone Spring Vineyard  
Alcohol: 15.2% by volume  
Aging: 15 months oak barrels  
80% French  
20% American

### **Winemaker Notes**

Our Family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyards are located at nearly 1,200 ft elevation in the Rockpile appellation. The Syrah is planted in the Madrone Spring block, named after a year round spring that flows out of the roots of an old Madrone tree. This block receives minimal sun due to its eastern exposure. It is the last block harvested year in and year out, and it shows in the complexity of flavor. We envisioned this site yielding a Northern Rhone style of Syrah and we have not been disappointed. Every year that the vines are in the ground the wines get better and better, the 2007 vintage is no exception.

Meaty and floral in the nose, this wine exhibits flavors of bacon, blueberry, fresh meat and lavender. Soft and lush on the palate, our Syrah is a proud relative of the elegant wines of the Northern Rhone. It is the subtle nuances that amaze you about this wine, every taste provides a spectacular new experience. The finish is graceful and powerful at the same time, giving you insight as to how the wine will age for the next 5-7 years.

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