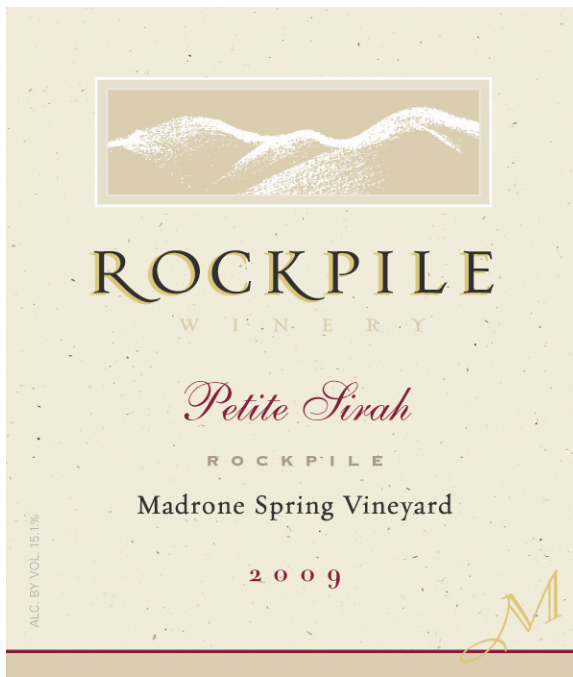


***2009 Mauritson
Rockpile Madrone Spring Vineyard
Petite Sirah***



Production: Approximately 275 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Petite Sirah

Vineyards: Madrone Spring Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.1% by volume

Aging: 18 months oak barrels
50% French
50% American

Winemaker Notes

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyards are located at nearly 1,200 ft elevation in the Rockpile appellation. The Petite Sirah is planted in the Madrone Spring block which is named after a year round spring that flows out of the roots of an old Madrone tree. This portion of the vineyard is planted in extremely porous soils which is ideal for Petite Sirah. The block has a southeastern sun exposure, giving the fruit maximum sun from the morning to mid day, ensuring that it ripens, but not too quickly. It is one of the last blocks harvested year in and year out and it shows in the complexity of flavor.

There is no mistaking the density of the wine simply by swirling it in your glass. The black and violet hues cling to the glass, not only showing off the color but also the viscosity. The warmer growing conditions of the 2009 vintage exhibits ripe black fruit on the nose with sweet oak, minerals and spicy herbs rounding out the complex aromatic profile. Flavors of blueberry pie greet the front palate, followed by notes of fresh ground meat, and velvety tannins coat your mouth from front to back. While 2009 was a warmer vintage, the unique site ensures that there is balanced acidity on the finish. There is no doubt that this wine that will age gracefully. Please enjoy for at least the next decade.

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