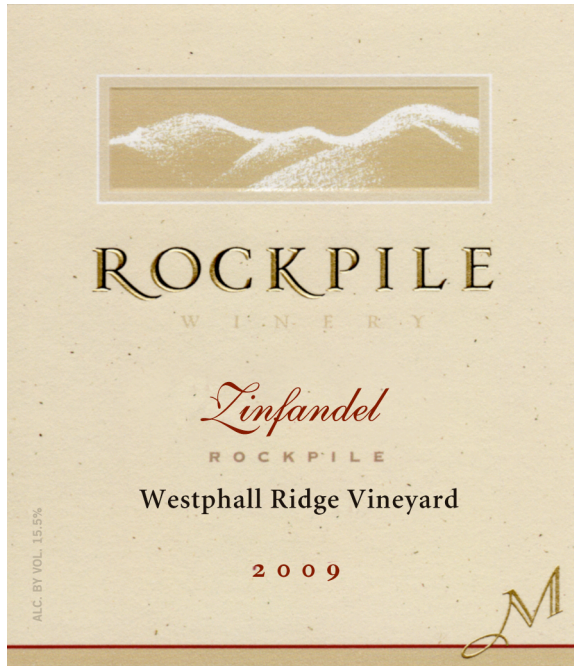


2009 Mauritsen Rockpile Westphall Ridge Vineyard Zinfandel



Production: Approximately 227 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Westphall Ridge Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.7 % by volume

Aging: 16 months in oak barrels
55% French
45% American

Winemaker Notes

The Westphall Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,400 ft elevation in the Rockpile appellation which is the highest in elevation of all of our single vineyard wines. This vineyard is characterized by its perfect 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. Owned by the Gloeckner family, the vineyard sits at the top of Rockpile Ridge with views of both forks of Lake Sonoma. It is truly one of the most beautiful places on earth.

The nose is a blend of fresh raspberries, minerals and spices which is the result of the deep root systems and stressed vines. The 2009 vintage is round and lush on the palate with well integrated tannins. Red berry fruits are complemented by complex flavors of iron and pencil shavings. Though there is a refined elegance to this Zinfandel, it still finishes with the structure that only a Rockpile wine can. Enjoy the Westphall Ridge Vineyard Zinfandel with your favorite grilled meats and root vegetables. It will age gracefully for the next 3-5 years.

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