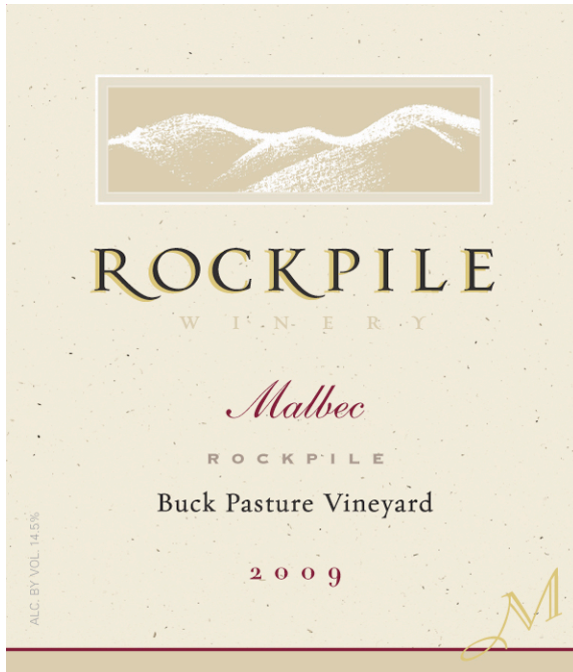


2009 Mauritson Rockpile Buck Pasture Vineyard Malbec



Production: Approximately 105 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Malbec

Vineyards: Buck Pasture Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.3% by volume

Aging: 20 months oak barrels
80% French
20% American

Winemaker Notes

Back in the old days when you wanted to find a big buck, you went to the area of the ranch called the Buck Pasture. These days the Buck Pasture is home to some of our Bordeaux varieties: Malbec, Petite Verdot and Cabernet Franc. With an elevation of nearly 1,100 ft, an average slope of 25 degrees and sweeping southwestern sun exposures, you could not ask for a better place to grow Malbec. Comprised primarily of gravely loam soils, there is very little water retention which limits the vigor and yield of these vines.

Typical of many of the wines from 2009, our Malbec is a riper, rounder version of the previous vintage. Aromas of ripe strawberries, cherry pie and white pepper are complimented with hints of earth and fragrant herbs. The wine is fresh and vibrant on the front palate with loads of red fruit, yielding to Eastern spices and rich oak flavors on the back palate. The mid palate tannins are velvety and round, giving the wine a lush mouth feel. This wine finishes with balanced acidity, making it a dynamic food wine. Though it is more than enjoyable now, the 2009 Rockpile Malbec will age gracefully for the next six to seven years.

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