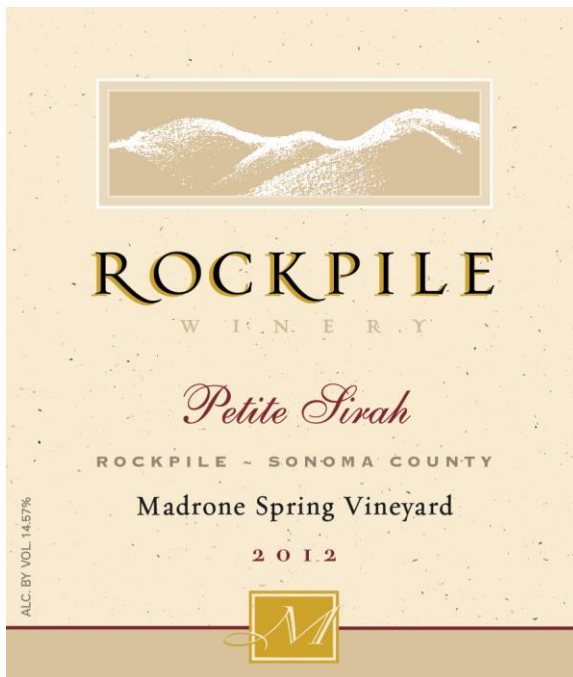


***2012 Mauritson  
Rockpile Madrone Spring Vineyard  
Petite Sirah***



Production: Approximately 188 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 96% Petite Sirah  
4% Zinfandel

Vineyard: Madrone Spring Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.57% by volume

Aging: 16 months oak barrels  
100% French

## **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.

Practically opaque, yet still vibrant, the color of the 2012 Rockpile Petite Sirah is spectacular. Aromas of blackberry cobbler, candied licorice and sweet oak jump out of the glass. The palate is bright and focused, full of black fruit and baking spices. While this wine has great weight, the linear characteristic shows its balance and incredible aging potential. The tannins are chalky at this youthful stage, but perfect acidity brings the wine full circle. Please enjoy the 2012 Rockpile Petite Sirah for the next 10-12 years.

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