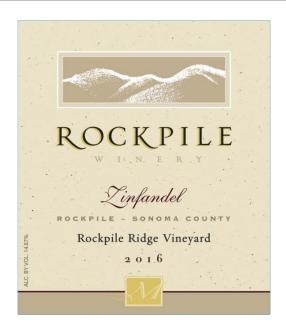


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## 2016 Rockpile Zinfandel

Rockpile Ridge Vineyard

**Production:** 990 cases

**Appellation:** Rockpile

Composition: 95% Zinfandel

5% Petite Sirah

**Vinevard:** Rockpile Ridge Vinevard

**Alcohol:** 14.57 % by volume

**Aging:** 15 months in oak barrels

100% French

## Winemakers' Perspective

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,200 feet in elevation in the Rockpile appellation. This vineyard has sweeping sun exposures from southeast to northwest and consists of nine distinctly different blocks of Zinfandel. The blocks are harvested at different times and fermented separately to insure the integrity and uniqueness of the individual blocks. Working with the different sun exposures, soil compositions, slopes and drainages is a winemaking dream come true and what makes our Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel so spectacular.

Focused and beautiful aromas of dried fig compote, crushed walnut, and boysenberry reduction overlay coffee grounds. The wine shows real elegance on the palate, including purity of fruit, a silky textured mid-palate and soft refined tannins. There is a savory element in our 2016 Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel that complements the signature minerality that runs through all of our Rockpile Zinfandels. In its infancy, our 2016 Rockpile Ridge Zinfandel would benefit from at least 1-2 years of bottle age. Enjoy this wine over the next 10-12 years.

Cheers,

Clay & Emma