

## MAURITSON Since 1868

ROCKPILE WINNERY
Madrone Spring Rockpile - SONOMA COUNTY
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## 2017 Rockpile "Madrone Spring" Red Wine

Production:146 CasesAppellation:RockpileComposition:48% Zinfandel<br/>28% Petite Sirah<br/>24% SyrahVineyard:Madrone Spring VineyardAlcohol:14.57 % by volumeAging:14 months in oak barrels<br/>100% French

## Winemakers' Perspective

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,200 feet in elevation in the Rockpile appellation. The Madrone Spring block is composed of three distinct varieties: Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Syrah. These three varietals grow in the coolest microclimate in Rockpile due to its northwest orientation, thus producing wines of freshness and distinction. The blocks are harvested at different times and fermented separately to maintain the integrity and uniqueness of the individual blocks. Our intention was to create a blend that not only exemplifies this unique area of our original homesteaded property but also showcases the extraordinary affinity and alchemy of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Syrah.

The tiny vintage of 2017 is most exemplified in our production of our Madrone Spring Red Wine: We only made 6 barrels worth. The foundation is still dominated by Zinfandel, providing the detailed fruit and elegance. The Petite Sirah delivers a perfumed blue note and beautiful power while the Syrah emphasizes fresh lavender, dried meat and a long finish. In its infancy now, our 2017 Madrone Spring Red Wine would benefit from at least 2-3 years of bottle age. Enjoy this wine over the next 10+ years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson Owner & Founder

Emma Kudritzki Hall Winemaker