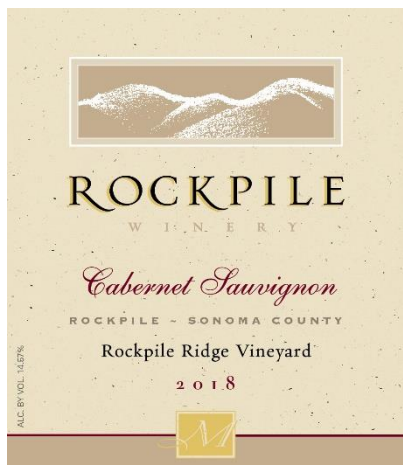




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## 2018 Rockpile Cabernet Sauvignon *Rockpile Ridge Vineyard*

<b>Production:</b>	707 cases
<b>Appellation:</b>	Rockpile
<b>Composition:</b>	80% Cabernet Sauvignon 15% Malbec 5% Petit Verdot
<b>Vineyard:</b>	Rockpile Ridge Vineyard
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.57 % by volume
<b>Aging:</b>	20 months in oak barrels 100% French

## Winemakers' Perspective

The 2018 growing season was very reminiscent of the early 2000 vintages when pick decisions were not defined by extreme weather events or a small crop. Often there is so much focus on the weather that leads up to the ripening stage that little focus is given to the last 6+ weeks. It can either extend the window of the harvest period, with foggy mornings and low daily highs, or quickly hasten it, with hot days and warm nights. After the onset of veraison, Mother Nature delivered such fair weather that we had the pleasure of being able to delay pick decisions by 4-7 days in the absence of elevated sugar levels, to encourage the nuances of aromas and flavors. The result is a very classic and nuanced Cab, but with every ounce of power expected from a rugged Rockpile.

Dense and concentrated aromas of ripe black fruits, espresso and sweet vanilla dominate, with additional notes of dried underbrush and leather. The focused, supple entry strikes a balance between fresh blue-black fruits and savory minerality. Powerful yet poised, its density lends itself to a long and lasting finish. Please enjoy this incredible wine over the next 8+ years.

Cheers,

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