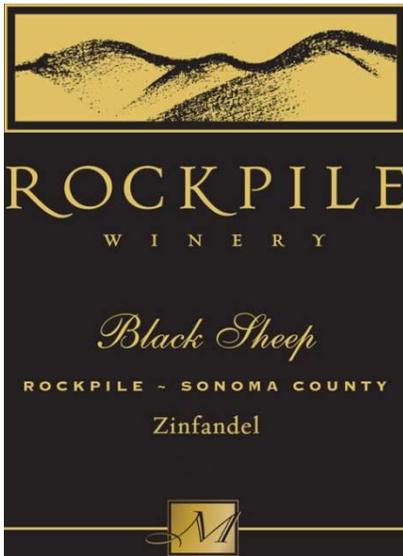




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2021 Rockpile Zinfandel *Black Sheep*

Production: 133 6-pack cases
1.5L Magnums only

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Alcohol: 14.75% by volume

Aging: 14 months in oak barrels
100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

The "Black Sheep" is an ode to those of us who take the path less traveled. Without a doubt, I am the black sheep of my generation. My brothers all pursued viticulture degrees and now work on the vineyard side of the business. I figured the grass was greener on the other side of the fence and went into winemaking, via a very circuitous route, and started the family winery. Once again, I am breaking the mold!

We've always been committed to making only single vineyard wines from our Rockpile property, but the Black Sheep is the exception. This is our "Tete de Cuvee" of Rockpile Zinfandel: a blend of the best barrels. The Black Sheep harnesses all the unique characteristics of the individual blocks into one seamless expression of the best that Rockpile has to offer!

Our intention with Black Sheep is to make the purest expression of Rockpile Zinfandel. Initially, this beautiful Zinfandel greets you with a fantastic expression of juicy summer blackberry cobbler, purple violet petal and dried red fruits. Then a pulse of the classic vein of Rockpile minerality starts to reveal itself and finally finishes with intricate undertones of dried savory herbs and sweet earthen char. On the palate, there is great freshness and perfectly structured tannins that provide the hallmark signature of Rockpile's power. This iteration of Black Sheep has incredible depth and energy, despite its youthful nature. Built to age, this Zinfandel will drink beautifully for at least the next 10 years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritsen
Owner