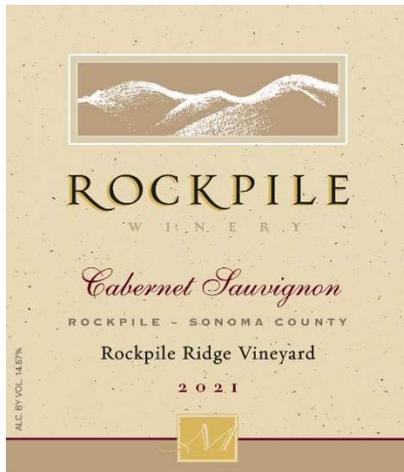




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2021 Rockpile Cabernet Sauvignon Rockpile Ridge Vineyard

Production:	736 cases
Appellation:	Rockpile
Composition:	82% Cabernet Sauvignon 13% Malbec 3% Petit Verdot 1% Merlot 1% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard:	Rockpile Ridge Vineyard
Alcohol:	14.57% by volume
Aging:	17 months in oak barrels 100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

At the time of bud break in late March, we had only received about 20 percent of our annual rainfall, so many growers early on adjusted their farming practices accordingly. This meant dropping fruit earlier in the season to keep the vines strong through and refraining from aggressive fruit exposure.

Despite the drier growing season, the ripening period that falls between mid-August to late October was nearly flawless. Long warm Fall days meant picking decisions could be scheduled in the absence of haste. Grapes patiently hung on the vines, waiting to be harvested at their ultimate balance of flavor, freshness and intensity.

Our Rockpile Cabernet is beautifully detailed on the nose, with perfumed notes of black cherries, dried violets, loganberry, dusty iron red earth, shaved cocoa bean, woodsmoke, coastal dried underbrush and anise. Its vibrant and energetic entry leads to the expected full-bodied expression of a Rockpile Cabernet Sauvignon. This vintage is also defined by a delicious, sophisticated and tailored tannin profile, concluding in a superb multi-layered finish with a candied fruit element that's seductive and even more rewarding with aeration. Enjoy it over the next 15+ years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson
Owner

Emma Kudritzki Hall
Winemaker