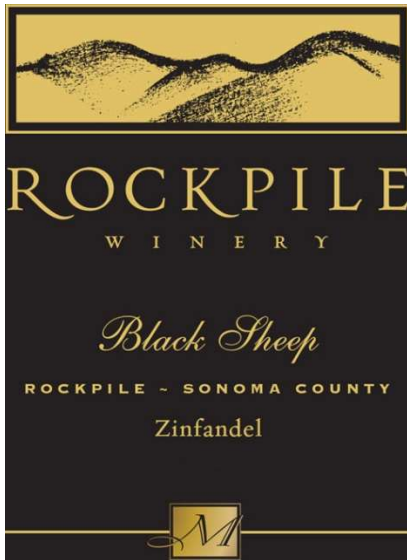




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2023 Rockpile Zinfandel Black Sheep

Production: 106, 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. Beautifully detailed aromatics of fleshy black cherry, ripe coastal strawberry, warm blackberry cobbler, crushed rock and dried heirloom rose petal with undertones of crushed cardamom and shaved nutmeg waft from the glass. On the palate, you'll be greeted with a fantastic synergy of fresh blue and dark fruits. Perfectly structured tannins with a strong vein of minerality provide the hallmark signature of Rockpile's power and character. It's quite accessible for such a young wine yet shows incredible promise as a special bottle to age beautifully for 15+ years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson
Owner