

Rock Wall

WINE COMPANY

2016

ROCKPILE ZINFANDEL

VINEYARD NOTES

These vines live in granitic loam soil with blue clay and have a perfect view of Lake Sonoma. Even though the AVA gained its separate status in 2002, this area has been referred to as Rockpile since the 1850s. Located in Northern Sonoma County, at the northwest corner of Dry Creek Valley, the Rockpile AVA encompasses nearly 15,000 acres, of which less than 160 are planted to vineyard. This makes Rockpile one of the smallest AVAs in the United States in terms of acreage planted. Approximately 2,500 of the acres of the Rockpile AVA overlap the Dry Creek Valley viticultural area to the Southeast. Vineyards range in elevation from 800' to nearly 2,100'. There are many geographic and geological features that separate Rockpile from its neighboring appellations. The combination of an elevation requirement, extreme terrain, and a unique climate make the vineyards and resulting wines unlike anything from Sonoma County, California—or the world for that matter.

Production

Pick Date: 10/10/2016

Yeast: RP15 (Rockpile Yeast isolate)

Malolactic: Elios 1

Fermentation: Fermented in 1 ton macro bins with two punch downs daily

Barrels: 30% new French oak, 70% neutral French oak

Bottled: 6/2018

Winemaker Comments

A beautiful expression of this viticultural area, this wine exudes a sensuous minerality, beautiful spice, anise notes, plum, black currant, maple, and chocolate.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION
Rockpile

COMPOSITION
100% Zinfandel

ALCOHOL
14.84%

PH
3.56

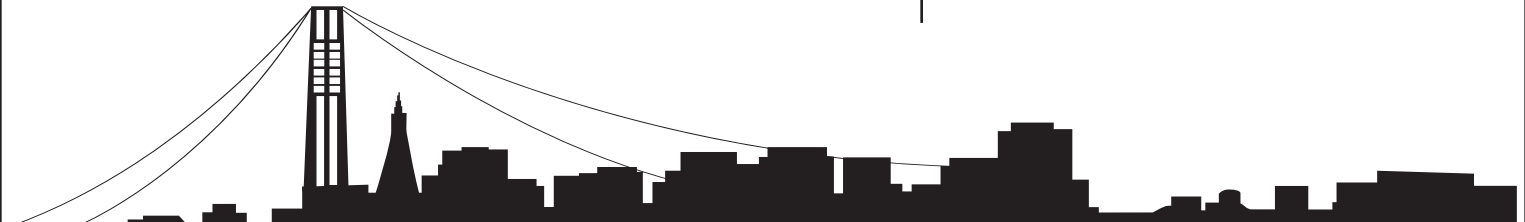
Residual Sugar:
0g/100ml

TOTAL ACIDITY
0.57g / 100ml

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RELEASE DATE
October 2018

SUGGESTED RETAIL
\$50



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