

# Rock Wall

## WINE COMPANY

2017

## HIGH VALLEY RED BLEND

### VINEYARD NOTES

Rattlesnake Ridge Vineyard: This Petite Sirah Vineyard is perched atop a volcanic ridge at the western end of High Valley. Located at 2250 ft. in elevation on the southwestern slopes of High Valley, the soils on this ridge are primarily broken shale characteristic of Franciscan formation (ancient seabed floor) with a light dusting of red volcanic soils intermixed.

Volcano Ridge Vineyard: The Zinfandel in this blend comes from Volcano Ridge Vineyard. Originally planted in 2003, Volcano Ridge (created by hundreds of eruptions from nearby Round Mountain Volcano) totals 85 acres devoted to all red varieties with numerous clones of each. At 1900-2200 ft. elevation the volcanic sands and tephra (small, fused sand pebbles) of the Konocti series make for excellent drainage

### Production

Pick Date: 9/13//2017

Yeast: WS, which is a tenacious yeast strain isolated from Williams Selyem's Late Harvest Zinfandel fermentation

Fermentation: fermented in half ton macro bins with two punch downs per day

Malolactic: Elios 1

Barrels: 15% new French oak, 15% new American oak, 70% neutral oak

Bottled: 7/2018

### Winemaker Comments

This wine has my attention. Almost never do I say this, but PLEASE DECANT this magical unicorn wine for at least an hour, before delighting in its beauty. I opened a bottle to taste and write this tech note on Monday. Today is Thursday and this wine has continued to morph and improve, which means this is a wine that will be able to age for a bit. On Monday it boasted black fruit and spice with aromas and flavors of blackberry, graphite, sarsaparilla, tobacco and cedar. Today when I tasted it, it tasted like Monte Rosso Zinfandel. That transition is absolutely wild. Today the aromatics were specific and focused with aromas and flavors of honeycomb, raspberry, strawberry and white pepper.

### TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

APPELLATION

High Valley

COMPOSITION

50% Zinfandel (Volcano Ridge Vineyard), 50% Petite Sirah (Rattlesnake Ridge Vineyard)

ALCOHOL

15.56%

PH

3.67

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.58g / 100ml

CASES PRODUCED:

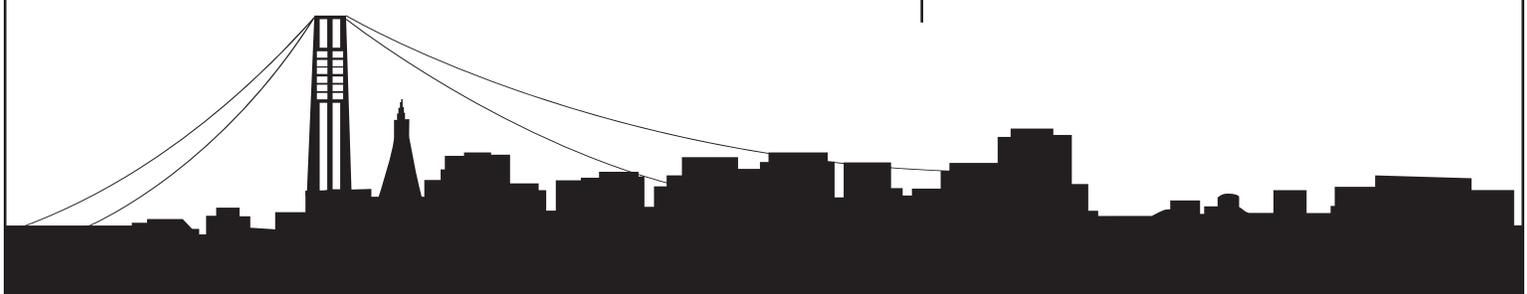
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RELEASE DATE

September 2018

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$30



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