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*Winery & Vineyards*

2021 SONOMA COUNTY

## 'ROCKPILE' ZINFANDEL



### Wine Specifications:

Vineyard:	Rockpile Vineyard
Varietal Composition:	Zinfandel
Harvest Date:	September 17, 2021
Bottling Date:	June 13, 2023
Cases Produced:	374 cases
Alcohol:	14.9%
Cooperage:	20 months in French oak; 25% new
TA:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.79
Tasting Panel Score:	94 Points

### Winemaker's Comments:

**Vineyard:** Our 2021 Rockpile Zinfandel hails from the illustrious Rockpile vineyard nestled in Sonoma County. Embracing its namesake AVA (American Viticulture Area), Rockpile stands as one of the nation's most esteemed appellations, celebrated for its compact size and profound terroir. Elevated amidst rocky soils and caressed by the Pacific Ocean's breeze, this vineyard cultivates a microclimate uniquely tailored for Zinfandel grapes. Here, the marriage of warm days and cool nights coaxes forth grapes of unparalleled richness and complexity.

**Vintage/Harvest:** On September 17th, 2021, we carefully harvested 6 ½ tons of hand-picked fruit, ensuring the essence of the season's bounty was captured at its peak.

**Winemaking:** Our meticulous winemaking journey began with a five-day cold soak to extract color, aromatics and soften the tannins. Throughout fermentation, we vigilantly controlled temperatures, delicately balancing tannin extraction. We gently pressed off the slightly sweet juice to tank, where it completed its primary phase before gracefully maturing in French oak barrels. Over the course of approximately 20 months, our Zinfandel underwent malolactic fermentation, enriching its character and depth.

**Description:** With a radiant ruby hue, our 2021 Rockpile Zinfandel captivates the senses with the alluring bouquet of ripe blackberry and fresh raspberry. On the palate, it unfolds into a symphony of rich plum and brambleberry, accompanied by subtle hints of spice and earthiness. Layers of peppery cassis, black raspberry, and nuanced oak intertwine seamlessly with firm, yet velvety tannins, culminating in a world-class finish that pays homage to the meticulous craftsmanship behind this exceptional wine.