

PARADISE RIDGE

2018 Zinfandel Rockpile, Sonoma County



Finished Wine

Zinfandel

Appellation

Rockpile AVA

Vineyard

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Alcohol

14.1

Titratable Acidity

5.2 grams/liter

pH

3.72

Varietals

82 % Zinfandel

18% Petite Sirah

Tasting Notes

This wine oozes Zinfandel, with its bright brambly fruit and spice on the nose, but here there is a strong thread of minerality that sets this wine apart, and identifies its origins are from Rockpile. The juicy palate mirrors these characters, and is supported with some finely grained tannins that are nicely framed with sweet French oak, the result of aging in 400L French oak puncheons for 18 months.

Like most of our wines, restraint in the winemaking process enables this wine to find a cornucopia of different foods to nicely pair with.

Winemaker Notes

The fruit was hand harvested on 3 separate occasions. At the winery the clusters were gently de-stemmed, capturing as many whole berries as possible. Following several days of cold soaking 4 separate fermentations in small custom Open Top tanks with submerged cap technology used a variety of both native and selected yeasts, which helps to tease out the multifaceted characters in the fruit.

Maturation: 16 months in 400 and 500 liter French oak puncheons. 25% of which was new.

Vineyard Notes

Gary Branham carefully nurtures several small blocks of Zinfandel and Petite Sirah cut out from the sparse and rocky terrain for us. There is an Old Vine Zinfandel Clone block called Demple DuPratt that originates from an ancient planting in Mendocino, and the Primotivo Clone from Apulia, Southern Italy. The Petite Sirah clone comes from cuttings taken from a heritage (80 + years old) vineyard in Alexander Valley



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