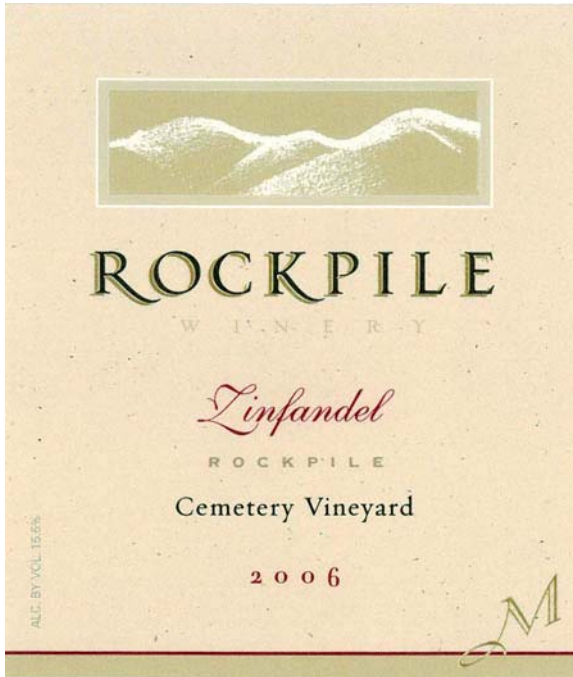


2006 Mauritsen Cemetery Vineyard Zinfandel



Production: Approximately 657 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Vineyards: Cemetery Vineyard

Alcohol: 15.5% by volume

Aging: 18 months oak barrels
50% French
50% American

Winemaker Notes

Our family's Rockpile Ridge Vineyards are located at nearly 1,200 ft elevation in the Rockpile appellation. The Cemetery block gets its name from the unusual outcropping of rock at the bottom of the vineyard that resembles giant headstones. This area of the ranch has been called the Cemetery for over 140 years, dating back to when we ran sheep on the property.

This block is planted in serpentine and shale based soils, a result of straddling the Rodgers Creek Fault, one of the more active earthquake faults in Northern California. With a southwestern sun exposure, 15 to 20 degree slope, and poor soil composition, the wine is everything you might expect; intense, powerful, and complex.

Dense black fruit in the nose is graciously accented by hints of oak and spice. Concentrated and commanding in the front palate, you start to truly get a sense of Rockpile in the full mid-palate tannins. The chalky tannins give way to a long, rich finish; don't be surprised if you still taste it tomorrow.

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