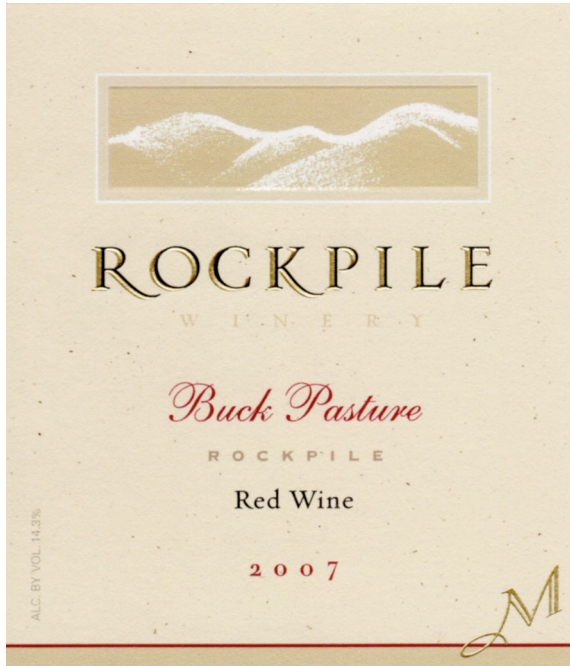


2007 Mauritson Rockpile “Buck Pasture” Red Wine



Production: Approximately 357 cases

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Petit Verdot, 10%
Malbec, 10% Cabernet Franc

Vineyards: Buck Pasture Vineyard

Alcohol: 14.5% by volume

Aging: 25 months in oak barrels
100% French

Winemaker Notes

Back in the old days, when you wanted to find a big buck, you went to the area of the ranch called the Buck Pasture. These days you might see the occasional deer, but you're guaranteed to get big wines.

The 2007 vintage is being lauded as one of the finest in recent history, and it is very deserving of the praise. Many people would describe the growing conditions as perfect. The crop set was slightly smaller than normal. We were in the midst of the first year of severe drought, stressing the fruit and further limiting the crop. The summer and fall were warm, yet moderate, and we did not have the huge temperature fluctuations common for that time of year. The wines have outstanding fruit without being overripe. The tannins are such that they will age gracefully for the next decade yet the wines are approachable now.

The 2007 Buck Pasture is elegant *and* powerful, restrained *yet* complex. The nose is a harmonious representation of the blend: Cabernet flavors of cassis, black cherry, cola, and tobacco, the red fruit and white pepper of Malbec, the dark brooding fruit of Petit Verdot, and the floral range of Cabernet Franc. The palate is no less enchanting: the tannins coat your mouth from front to back with a firm suppleness, the acidity is perfectly integrated, and the finish seems to last an eternity.

Please enjoy this wine over the next 9-12 years with your favorite game and hearty dishes.

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