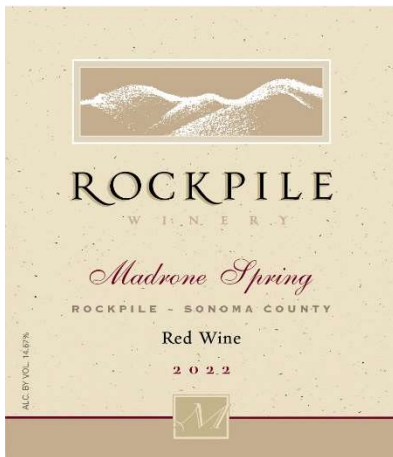




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2022 Rockpile “Madrone Spring” Red Wine

- Production:** 164 Cases
- Appellation:** Rockpile
- Composition:** 48% Zinfandel
14% Petite Sirah
38% Syrah
- Vineyard:** Madrone Spring Vineyard
- Alcohol:** 14.57 % by volume
- Aging:** 14 months in oak barrels
100% French

Winemakers’ Perspective

Our family’s Rockpile Ridge Vineyard is located at nearly 1,200 feet in elevation. The Madrone Spring block lies within and is composed of three distinct varietals: Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Syrah. This site is the coolest microclimate in Rockpile, due to the northwest orientation, and it produces wines of great vitality and distinction.

Our intention with the Madrone Spring release is to create a blend that exemplifies this unique area of our original homesteaded property and showcases the extraordinary affinity and alchemy of Zinfandel, Petite Sirah and Syrah. And though this wine was originally dominated by Zinfandel and complemented with Petite Sirah and Syrah, that has varied by release. Regardless of the varietal breakdown, our goal is always to make the best blend that expresses the Madrone Spring Vineyard in a specific vintage.

The small production of our 2022 Rockpile Madrone Spring was aged in three special vessels called puncheons. These are large-format French oak barrels that are double the size of standard barrels. We aged nearly all our 2022 Rockpile Zinfandel-based wines in puncheons to manage the new oak influence and preserve the freshness and detail of the fruit layers.

This resulting wine is beautifully complex and perfumy, with aromas of blackberry compote, violet candy, cured meats, red peppercorn, lavender blossom, fresh blueberry and toasted pecan. Firm and voluptuous tannins, a hallmark of Rockpile, provide further reward. This gorgeous blend would benefit from at least 12+ months of bottle age and will be best enjoyed over the next 7+ years.

Cheers,

Clay Mauritson
Owner

Emma Kudritzki Hall
Winemaker