

ZINFANDEL 2012 ROCKPILE

## 2012 Rockpile Zinfandel

Totaling 15,000 acres, with only approximately 160 acres planted, the Rockpile AVA established in 2002 is a truly spectacular and rugged Sonoma County appellation of steep mountain slopes falling off into the the blue waters of Lake Sonoma. This is a place of ultra-premium hillside fruit where high elevation, full days of sun with moderate temperatures, coastal breezes and well drained rocky soils create a constant state of tension. The resulting clusters of small berries produce an intensity of fruit and flavors like nowhere else in the world. Our Zinfandel block with vines aligned east to west sits at upper part of the northeast facing Pritchett Peaks Vineyard.

Dark ruby with hints of magenta in color. This Zinfandel block in the Pritchett Peaks Vineyard is a bright fruit forward example of Zinfandel exhibiting black cherry and cola on the nose followed by subtle hints of anise and currant. The wine finishes with notes of alpine cedar.

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

VINTAGE: PH: 2012 3.53

VARIETAL: FERMENTATION:

Zinfandel Complete Malolactic Fermentation

APPELLATION: BARREL AGING: Rockpile 15 months

CASE PRODUCTION: BARREL COMPOSITION:

119 cases 100% 1, 2 & 3yr Burgundian Oak

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 15.50%