

Carol Shelton

2006

ROCKPILE RESERVE

Petite Sirah

Rockpile Vineyard

Rockpile

Our *Rockpile Reserve*[®] titles designate a series of elegant red wines from the Rockpile AVA, 1000-2000 feet above Lake Sonoma and the Dry Creek Valley in NW Sonoma County. The Petite Sirah is the first of the series to be released, and it comes from the Rockpile Vineyard of Rod and Cathy Park at the far end of the road and the highest elevation. It is not a “rip your face off” Petite, but graciously styled with still full bodied and packed with black pepper and sweet oak.

It is quite tasty on release in November of 2008 but is worthy of five or more years of cellaring.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Inky blue-purple in color, lively black peppery spice on deep blue-blackberry fruit. Cedary oak spice, very dark chocolate, bit of warm vanilla at finish, structured tannins for aging.

Harvest Date: October 25, 2006
Average Brix at Harvest: 26.1°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.74 gm/100ml pH: 3.49

Fermentation Characteristics: 25 days on skins
Fermented in T-bins and punched down by hand

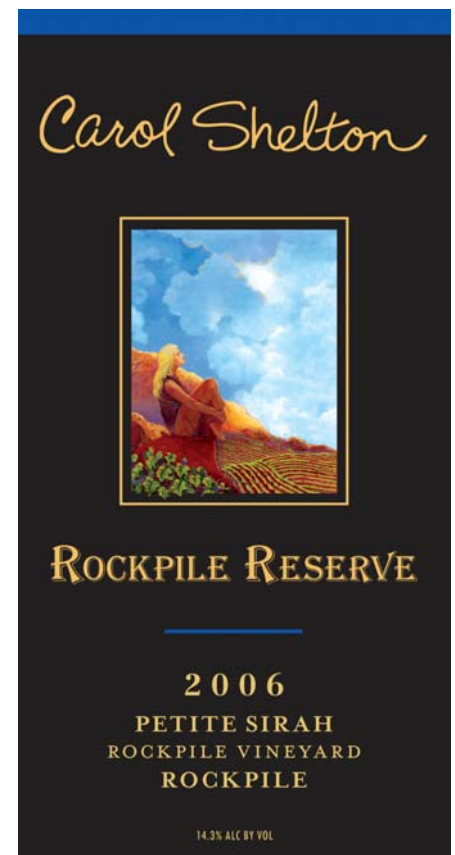
Cellar Storage/Aging: 18 months in barrels --
50% 1-yr-old American
50% 2-yr-old American

Alcohol: 14.6%
Total Acidity: 0.54 gm/100ml
pH: 3.77

Varietal : 100% Petite Sirah

Appellation : 100% Rockpile Vineyard
Rockpile, 2000 ft elevation
Solar-powered/sustainably farmed

Cases produced: 112 cases
Bottling Date: June 11, 2008
Release Date: November 1, 2008



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