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ROCKPILE RESERVE

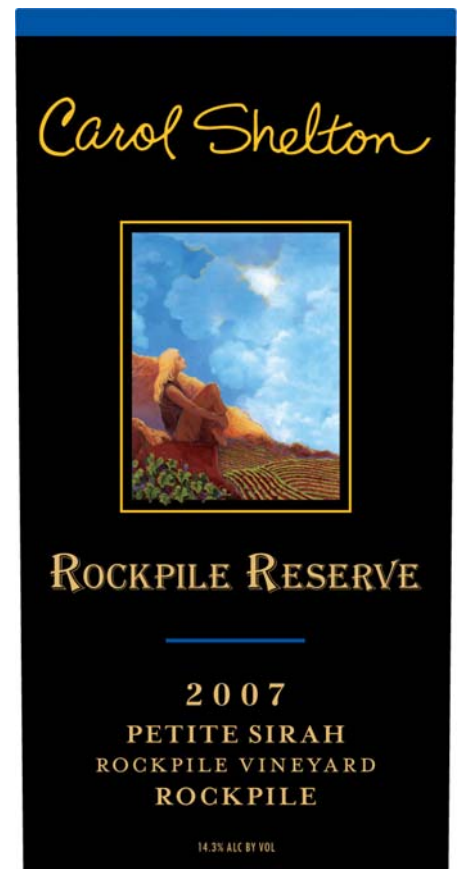
Petite Sirah

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 2009, 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, 2007
Average Brix at Harvest:	24.1°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest:	0.50 gm/100ml pH: 3.66
Fermentation Characteristics:	12 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:	14.2%
Total Acidity:	0.60 gm/100ml
pH:	3.64
Varietal :	100% Petite Sirah
Appellation :	100% Rockpile Vineyard Rockpile, 2000 ft elevation Solar-powered/sustainably farmed
Cases produced:	193 cases
Bottling Date:	June 11, 2008
Release Date:	November 1, 2009



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