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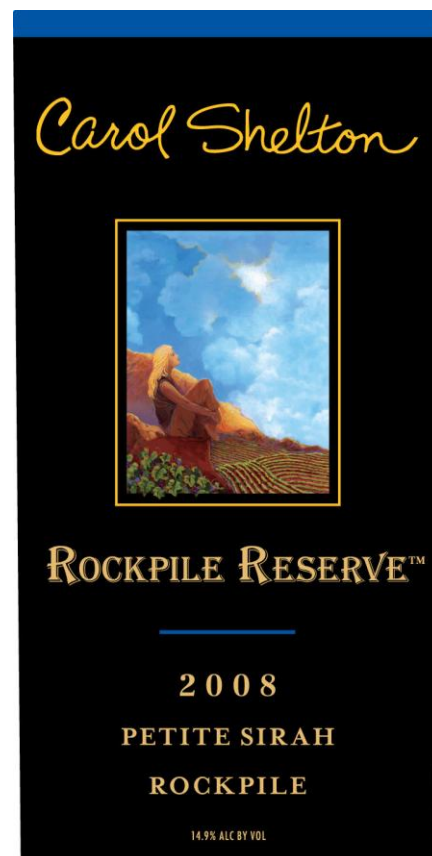
ROCKPILE RESERVE

Petite Sirah

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. It is not a “rip your face off” Petite, but graciously styled yet full bodied fruit, and packed with black pepper and sweet oak.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Inky blue-purple in color, lively black peppery spice on deep blue-blackberry fruit, very jammy. Cedary oak spice, very dark chocolate, bit of warm vanilla at finish, structured tannins for aging.
Harvest Date:	September 30, 2008
Average Brix at Harvest:	25.5°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:	21 months in barrels -- 50% new American 50% 2-yr-old American
Alcohol:	15.4%
Total Acidity:	0.66 gm/100ml
pH:	3.79
Varietal :	96% Petite Sirah, 4% Zinfandel
Appellation :	50% Park-Rockpile Vineyard, 2000 ft 50% Florence Vyd, 1400 ft elev.
Cases produced:	187 cases
Bottling Date:	July 29, 2010
Release Date:	February 18, 2011 (club shipment)



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