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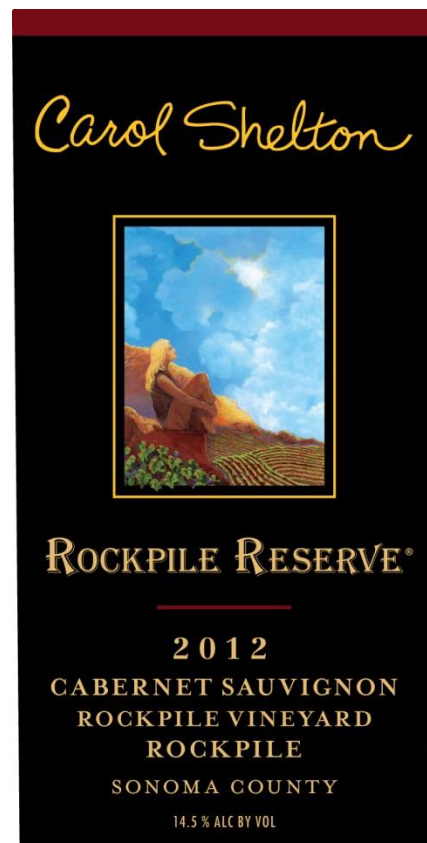
ROCKPILE RESERVE

Cabernet Sauvignon

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. This Cabernet Sauvignon is the second varietal of the series to be released, and it comes from the Rockpile Vineyard of Rod and Cathy Park at 2000 foot elevation. It is graciously styled with black cherry-cassis fruit and a nice hint of tobacco and cedar-spice, with the long smooth creamy finish that is so characteristic of Rockpile reds.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Dark red in color. Black cherry-cola and cassis fruit, long and deep on nose and palate. Cedary oak spice and warm pipe tobacco aromas, dark chocolate, vanilla at finish, smoothly structured tannins.
Harvest Date:	October 3, 2012
Average Brix at Harvest:	29.1°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest:	0.50 gm/100ml pH: 3.78
Fermentation Characteristics:	25 days total on skins, including 3-day cold soak and 7 days extended maceration Fermented in 0.8-ton T-bins (3 yeasts) & punched down by hand 2-3 times/day
Cellar Storage/Aging:	20 months in mostly Taransaud barrels -- 100% French oak, 30% new
Alcohol:	14.6%
Total Acidity:	0.58 gm/100ml pH: 3.59
Varietal :	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Sirah
Appellation :	100% Rockpile Vineyard, 2000 ft Solar-powered/sustainably farmed ROCKPILE, Sonoma County
Cases produced:	193 cases
Bottling Date:	August 2, 2014
Release Date:	December 1, 2014



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