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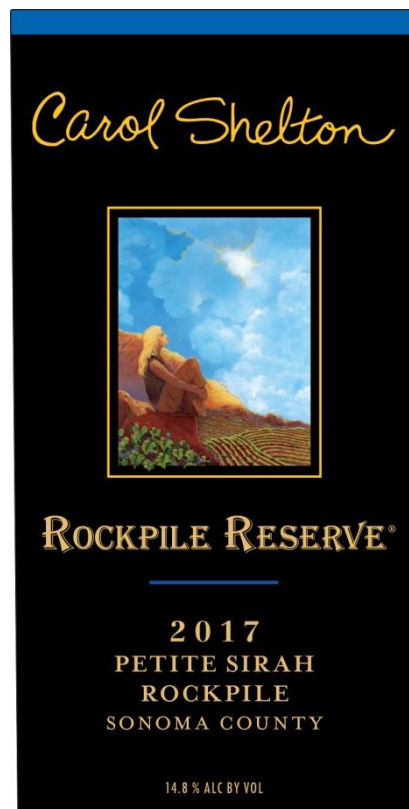
ROCKPILE RESERVE

Petite Sirah

Rockpile Road/Jack Florence Jr. 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 from the, one of the first vineyards to be planted in the AVA, back in 1998. It is not a “rip your face off” Petite, but graciously styled while still full bodied, and packed with black pepper and sweet oak.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Passionate purple in color, lively black peppery spice on perfumey blue-blackberry fruit along with Cedary oak spice, dusty cocoa, warm vanilla creme at finish, structured tannins for aging.
Harvest Date:	October 5, 2017 (3 days before Tubbs Fire)
Average Brix at Harvest:	28.0°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest:	0.56 gm/100ml pH: 3.66
Fermentation Characteristics:	4 days cold soak, total 10 days on skins Fermented in T-bins with 2 different yeasts, punched down by hand once/day (usually twice/day but TubbsFire reduced access)
Cellar Storage/Aging:	30 months in oak--- 50% new American 50% 2 nd fill French
Alcohol:	14.6%
Total Acidity:	0.68 gm/100ml pH: 3.51
Varietal :	98% Petite Sirah, 2% Carignane
Appellation :	Jack Florence JR Rockpile Rd Vineyard, **at 1600-ft elevation, Rockpile
Cases produced:	208 cases
Bottling Date:	May 29, 2020
Release Date:	June 15, 2021



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