

Carol Shelton

2019

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 10, 2019
Average Brix at Harvest: 27.5°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.52 gm/100ml pH: 3.66

Fermentation Characteristics: 5 days cold soak, total 11 days on skins
Fermented in T-bins with 2 different yeasts, punched down by hand two times/day, then 6 days of extended maceration.

Cellar Storage/Aging: 2 years plus 7 months in oak---
25% New Hungarian
25% 2nd fill French
50% 2nd and 3rd fill American

Alcohol: 14.4%
Total Acidity: 0.64 gm/100ml pH: 3.62

Varietal : 90% Petite Sirah, 9% Carignane, 1% Zin

Appellation : Jack Florence JR, Rockpile Rd Vineyard,
**at 1600-ft elevation, Rockpile

Cases produced: 237 cases
Bottling Date: July 13, 2022
Release Date: October 2023



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