## Carol Shelton 2022 Rockpile (Rocky) Reserve®

## Zinfandel Florence Vineyard, Rockpile

The name for our reserve wine, *Rocky Reserve*®, comes from the deep red, rocky soils of the Florence Vineyard, 1400 feet above Lake Sonoma and Dry Creek Valley. This is a more elegant and restrained Zin, worthy of five or more years of cellaring, though it is packed with fragrant black and blue berry fruits.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: Nice dark-red in color, big blueberry-blackberry fruit, spicy-chocolatey

oak, nicely focused acidity enhances mineral flavors, elegantly

structured tannins for aging, super plush long finish!

Harvest Date: September 13, 2022 Average Brix at Harvest: 29.4°Brix (post soaking) Average TA/pH at Harvest: 0.53 gm/100ml pH: 3.88

Fermentation Characteristics: 4 days cold soak prior to ferment

All fermented in 1-ton bins, 10% bleed,

hand punched down twice daily

12 days total on skins

16 months in barrels: Cellar Storage/Aging:

> 17% new French 17% new Hungarian 17% new American 17% older Hungarian 32% older French

14.5 % Alcohol:

Total Acidity: 0.71 gm/100ml pH: 3.70

Varietal: 91% Zinfandel, 9% Petite Sirah

96% Florence Vineyard, Rockpile Appellation:

4% Bastoni Vineyard, Fountaingrove District

303 cases Cases produced: **Bottling Date:** May 22, 2024 Release Date: February 1, 2025

