

2021 Rocks Edge

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 95% zinfandel 5% syrah

APPELLATION: Rockpile

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 25.1-27.1

pH: 3.59-3.80

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2035

VINIFICATION NOTES: A hot August accelerated ripening leading to ideal harvest dates of September 11 for Jack Jr., Rocky Ridge on September 15, Zuckerman on September 17, and LH Petite on September 23. The fermentation process involved an average of 36 days on skins in closed-top fermenters. The wines were barreled down in 100% French, 25% being new, for 16 months before being blended after extensive blending trials that included individual barrel tasting.

VINEYARD NOTES: Showcasing the best Rockpile fruit of the 2021 vintage, this barrel select wine is comprised of 55% Rocky Ridge Vineyard zinfandel, 20% Jack Jr. Vineyard zinfandel, 20% Zuckerman Vineyard zinfandel, and 5% syrah from our Lily Hill Estate. Rocky Ridge is perched high above Lake Sonoma and the surrounding hills. Its high elevation, along with the thin, rocky soils that give this area its name, provide an excellent location for growing intense, low-yielding grapevines. Jack Jr. vineyard experiences strong winds, causing its dark zinfandel fruit to achieve thicker skins and greater tannin structure—all of which contribute to the character and complexity of this wine.

SENSORY NOTES:

The 2021 Bella Rocks Edge zinfandel presents a beautifully feminine and alluring bouquet, showcasing notes of black currants, cocoa nibs, and a subtle hint of orange peel. Layers of structured tannins and rich flavors of cacao and earth give to an incredibly long finish.

VINEYARD DETAILS:

CLONE: Various
VINE SPACING: 8x8 and 6x8
YEAR PLANTED: 1905 - 2000

SOIL TYPE: Clay loam and rocky volcanic
YIELD PER ACRE: 2 - 3 tons
TRELLISING STYLE: VSP and head-trained

ELEVATION: 200 - 1250 feet
ROOTSTOCK: St. George
IRRIGATION: Drip

CASES PRODUCED: 155 cases

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