

2023 Rocks Edge

zinfandel

winemaker notes

VARIETY: 95% zinfandel 5% syrah

APPELLATION: Rockpile AVA

DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST: 26.4-27.1

pH: 3.68-3.74

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

CELLAR RECOMMENDATION: Enjoy this wine through 2035

VINIFICATION NOTES: The fruit for the 2023 Rocks Edge Zinfandel was harvested between October 8 and October 13 from four Dry Creek Valley vineyards: Westphall, Rocky Ridge, Jack Jr., and Lily Hill. Fermentation took place in closed-top tanks over 21 days, allowing for a steady and controlled extraction. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 35% of which were new.

VINEYARD NOTES: 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 2023 Rocks Edge Zinfandel opens with aromas of blackberry and dark plum layered with notes of mocha and peppery spice. On the palate, rich dark fruit is complemented by the distinctive minerality of wet stone and a thread of fresh herbs that brings lift and complexity. Structured tannins give the wine depth and presence while maintaining a polished, velvety texture.

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: 321 cases

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