

## Rockpile Reserve Dry Creek Valley 2014 Zinfandel



**WILSON**  
OF DRY CREEK



**R**ockpile is located in the northwest corner of Sonoma County, directly to the northwest of Dry Creek Valley and above Lake Sonoma. Rockpile is Zinfandel country, but with a colder climate by 10\*-15\* than Dry Creek Valley below. This AVA is famed for a “signature clone” of Zinfandel, selected from the vineyard of St. Peter’s Catholic Church in nearby Cloverdale. Hot in summer, yet with colder ocean breezes, these vines produce extraordinary fruit under the duress that they experience in this difficult location.

### TECHNICAL DATA

*Aspect: Southwestern*

*Planted: 2004*

*Harvested: September 2014*

*Elevation: 1500-2100ft*

*Composition: 96% Zinfandel, 4% Petite Sirah,*

*Alcohol: 16.2%*

*Total Acidity: .65 gm/100ml*

*pH: 3.85*

### TASTING NOTES

An opulent blend of juicy blackberry, creamy cocoa and striations of oak provide an alluring nose for this tempting Zin. The silken mouthfeel reveals a lively mix of dark berries, ripe plum and Bing cherry. Mid-palate black pepper and mocha with hints of caramel appear, along with rich vanillin oak and spicy tannins that broaden in the long finish. Approachable now, decant to allow its depth and charm to shine through immediately.

Enjoy pairing with peppercorn encrusted beef tenderloin on beefsteak tomato with goat cheese, French fried onions and balsamic sauce, or chorizo carbonara with a Catalan market salad.