



Beekeeper

Zinfandel, Madrone Springs Vineyard
Rockpile Appellation, Sonoma County 2013

Grape: Zinfandel (89% Zinfandel & 11% Petite Sirah)

Vineyard: Madrone Spring Vineyard, Dry Farmed, Sustainably Farmed.

Appellation: Rockpile, Sonoma County

Vintage: 2013 - Bottled December 16, 2014.

Winemaker: Clay Mauritson & Ian Blackburn

Alcohol: 15.4% **RS:** 3.0 g/L **TA:** 6.8 g/L

Aged: 15 months in 100% French Oak (30% new)

Production: 1980 Bottles (165 cases)



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About

About the Vintage: After what was an abundant crop in 2012, concerns were that 2013 would reflect a vintage that was depleted of energy and that low yields would result. Nature has a way of surprising you and the vineyard provided a vintage consistent in annual yield (about 3 tons to the acre) and everyone was shocked at how rich and dense the characters were with the 2013. A warm, dry finish and tiny berry size were hallmarks of this vintage. The vineyard was awarded Certified Sustainable Status as we finished our 5th consecutive vintage of Dry Farming – which we also point to as a possible compliment to the quality of this outstanding fruit.

Mission: We aim to make wine that reintroduces the quality wine audience to Zinfandel. Our favorite compliment “I don’t usually like Zinfandel, but I love yours.” We aim to build a reputation for quality inside the Cabernet and Meritage audience that has more in common with our style. We made this wine with all the attention and quality of the great wines we position ourselves around, and while some may not appreciate the premium effort and costs involved, we are resolved to make great wine that requires some patience and can reward additional cellarage.

Winemaker Tasting Notes: 2013 was an optimal, concentrated, legendary vintage - our boldest wine released to date. 2013 has the richness of 2009; the hedonistic ripeness of 2010 and the signature Rockpile Appellation, Madrone Spring Vineyard, low yielding hillside stony character. The purple colored, floral, and spicy notes maintain great balance inside a massive frame of abundance. 2013 hallmarks richness, aroma, texture, with great tannin and a core of Rockpile acidity. The nose ranges from dark red cherry, cinnamon “red hot” candy, Asian plum, fresh cracked white & black pepper, root beer, dried herbs, dark spices, dried underbrush, stone, and graphite. The wine carries the 15.4 alcohol like an athlete – as abundance is kind of the theme of the vintage. This wine will carry forward 10+ years and I believe it will be considered a benchmark and massive effort in hillside Zinfandel.

Awards



97 Points- Connoisseurs' Guide- 3 puffs 🌸🌸🌸

About as deep and concentrated as Zinfandel can get and still be fully fruity and remarkably vital and energetic at the same time, this superb effort not only continues the Beekeeper run of exceptional wines but stands at the top of the table for both the winery and the variety. To be sure, it is a wine of exceptional volume, and its mouthfilling palatal texture is joined by keen, pure blackberry focus with nary a hint of excess in sight. Despite tannic solidity that guarantees four to six years of smoothing, and the potential for twice that, this wine will invite early drinking. Please do not give in.



93 Points- Review by Robert M. Parker, Jr. - eRobertParker.com (Mar 2016)

The delicious 2013 Zinfandel Madrone Spring Vineyard from the Rockpile appellation shows plenty of hefty blackberry and briary black cherry fruit. This rich, dense wine (15.4% alcohol and a blend of 89% Zinfandel and 11% Petite Sirah) is a classic, full-throttle, pedal-to-the-metal Zinfandel. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.



94 Points- Purely Domestic Wine Report (Mar 2016)

A deep concentrated nose of blackberry, wax and dried raspberry with a vibrant undertone. The palate is beautifully concentrated, ripe and lush. A very nice example! Drink 2016-20122.