

Carol Shelton

2010

ROCKPILE RESERVE

Petite Sirah

Rockpile Vineyard, Rockpile

Our *Rockpile Reserve*® titles designate a series of elegant red wines from the Rockpile AVA, 1000-2000 feet above Lake Sonoma and the Dry Creek Valley in NW Sonoma County. The Petite Sirah is the from the Parks' Rockpile Vineyard, one of the first vineyards to be planted in the AVA, back in 1988. It is not a "rip your face off" Petite, but graciously styled while still full bodied, and packed with black pepper and sweet oak.

Winemaker's Tasting Notes:	Passionate purple in color, lively black peppery spice on perfumey blue-blackberry fruit along with Cedary oak spice, dusty cocoa, warm vanilla creme at finish, structured tannins for aging.
Harvest Date:	October 27, 2010
Average Brix at Harvest:	22.8°Brix
Average TA/pH at Harvest:	0.64 gm/100ml pH: 3.60
Fermentation Characteristics:	15 days on skins Fermented in T-bins with 3 different yeasts, punched down by hand three times/day
Cellar Storage/Aging:	25 months in American & French oak ---30% new American
Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.53 gm/100ml
pH:	3.68
Varietal :	93% Petite Sirah, 7% Zinfandel
Appellation :	93% Park-Rockpile Vineyard, at 2000-ft elevation (off grid/sustainable solar) 7% Florence-Rockpile Vineyard
Cases produced:	200 cases
Bottling Date:	December 20, 2012
Release Date:	March 15, 2013 (Feb 2013 club shipment)

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