



2018 Rockpile Zinfandel

This is our first vintage from our new Rockpile partners at the Gloeckner-Turner ranch. And we couldn't be more thrilled. From the first drops, the intensity of hue is hypnotic. Then, dark black and blue fruits, heady exotic spice, and cigar box waft from the glass. This zin is hedonistic and plush, with a backbone of solid acid that keeps her lively and food friendly. This zin is rich and comforting, like cashmere pajamas (is that a thing?). Rockpile is in her DNA. She's gorgeous. You'll love her. Drink now through 2028.

Harvest:

This is our first vintage from our new vineyard partners at the Gloeckner-Turner ranch. Leading up to harvest, I got giddy and excited about making zin all over again. The color – awesome. The flavors-intense. We called the pick on September 7, 2018, which happened to be the first fruit of the season. It's unusual, but the vineyard is higher elevation with more southwest sunshine. Our allocation weighed in at 2.69 tons, and the truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 30.1
pH: 3.57
TA: 6.6 g/L

Fermentation:

To help concentrate flavors, I gave this vintage a full 20% volume saignee as soon as we dumped to tank. (Nope, we didn't even attempt a rose of zinfandel!). Our 2018 zinfandel was fermented in tank using a yeast strain called RX60, praised for opulence and dark fruits. The wine was drained to barrel and pressed on 9/19/18. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel, using CH16.

Barrel Aging:

The wine was aged for 16 months in all French oak (30% new) from Nadalie and Radoux. The oak balance ranged from once used to neutral French oak.

Blending:

We love this zin. No blending or petit sirah required!

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on February 6, 2020. The wine was aged in bottle for 7 months prior to our fall 2020 release date.

About Bruliam Wines

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of my three children's names. I strive to craft world class wines that reflect vineyard site and impeccable farming, doing our grower partners proud. Our charitable mandate imbues my work, which is to make something delicious you can enjoy tonight. For more information, please visit us at www.bruliamwines.com.