



### **2014 Rocky Ridge Vineyard Zinfandel**

*Blackberries, brambly dark fruit and minerality characterize this plush and thoroughly drinkable Rockpile zinfandel. Bright acidity on the finish keeps this beauty just on the safe side of hedonistic. The velvety tannins are approachable now and some formidable mid palate weight delivers the gravitas. With mocha notes and palate of juicy berries, this vintage will become your new favorite. Drink now through 2024.*

#### **Harvest:**

I've never seen a face so sad or so defeated. Our Rockpile grower, Chris Mauritsen, delivered our paltry 0.867 tons of zin on September 4, 2014. The bumper yields of 2012 & 2013 had extolled a high price. Our little dry-farmed plot had met its match – a warm, dry spring with inconsistent fruit set. The fruit was ripe 20 days earlier than in 2013, with a 40% reduction in yield. Our Rockpile fruit was hand-harvested, hand sorted and de-stemmed to 100% whole berry the same afternoon as delivery. The truck sample yielded the following measurements:

°Brix: 24.7

pH: 3.75

TA: 6.7 g/L

#### **Fermentation:**

We inoculated the zin after 48 hours, on the evening of 9/5/14. Our entire allocation fit in a single bin, and I selected the traditional Rockpile yeast (RP15), a consistent choice for an unpredictable varietal. The wine was drained, pressed, and barreled down on 9/13/14, at -0.5 brix. I finished fermentation in barrel. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel.

#### **Barrel Aging:**

The wine was aged for 16 months in all French oak (40% new) from Nadalie and Radoux.

#### **Blending:**

Swale block is planted entirely St. Peter's Church California heritage clone. The 2014 vintage is 95% our Rockpile zinfandel with a 5% petit sirah addition.

#### **Bottling:**

We bottled this wine on February 9, 2016. The wine was aged in bottle for 8 months prior to our fall 2016 release date.

#### **About Bruliam Wines**

Bruliam Wines is a boutique producer of single vineyard premium wines. Established in 2008 by Kerith and Brian Overstreet, "Bruliam" is an amalgamation of our three children's names (**BR**uno, **LIL**y, **AM**elia). We craft world class wines and practice a strong charitable mandate. Since our 2008 inception, Bruliam has donated to over 70 unique, charitable organizations selected by our mailing list members and restaurant partners. We've extensively documented our start-up and on-going growth on our blog. For more information, please visit us at [www.bruliamwines.com](http://www.bruliamwines.com).