



2015 Rocky Ridge Vineyard Zinfandel

A focused core of Santa Rosa plum is wrapped up in anise seed, clove, and pie spice. Hints of mocha underlie brambly fruit and that trademark, Rockpile minerality. The tannins are plush, rich and velvety. With a delicious, dark fruit palate and exotic spice notes, you'll love the 2015 zin alongside anything braised or grilled. Drink now through 2024.*

**Since we live just north of Santa Rosa, we feel empowered to use this descriptor with impunity.*

Harvest:

Our Rockpile swale is always the anomaly. The vintage that decimated coastal pinot noir, characterized by poor set, shot berries, and undersized clusters seems to have bypassed our zinfandel entirely. On 9/14/15, we harvested around 2.0 tons from our little swale block, a significantly better yield than the 0.867 tons in 2014. Mother Nature never ceases to surprise. 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: 25.0

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.6 g/L

Fermentation:

We divided the zin into two lots and inoculated after 48 hours, using two different yeasts for complexity. L2226 is a Rhone yeast with black cherry/cherry cola notes, a delectable choice for our brambly zin fruit. The second yeast, AMH, offers up heavenly aromatics for the patient vintner; it's a slow fermenter. The two lots were combined, drained, and pressed to tank on 9/25/15 and barreled down on 10/7/15. We inoculated for secondary fermentation in barrel, using CH16.

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 2015 vintage is 95% our Rockpile zinfandel with a 5% petit sirah addition.

Bottling:

We bottled this wine on February 10, 2017. The wine was aged in bottle for 7 months prior to our fall 2017 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.