

2013

WESTPHALL VINEYARD

zinfandel

VARIETY: 95% zinfandel, 5% petite sirah**APPELLATION:** Rockpile**DEGREES BRIX AT HARVEST:** 24.6**pH:** 3.88**ALCOHOL:** 14.8%**CELLAR RECOMMENDATION:** Enjoy this wine through 2022

VINIFICATION NOTES: Fruit from this remote vineyard was hand-picked at first light on September 15th. It was then hand-sorted and fermented in closed top tanks for 13 days. The Westphall wine was aged in a combination of American and French oak, 20% new, for 17 months before being blended with 5% Big River Ranch petite sirah.

SENSORY NOTES: At once subtle yet complex, the Westphall Vineyard zinfandel exudes rich elegance and bright finesse. Raspberry leaf and cassia layer over minerality and soft floral notes. Cranberry and red currants are impeccably balanced with leather and soft, lingering tannins. This superbly balanced wine will evolve over time and promises to reward patient cellaring.

VINEYARD NOTES: Perched high above Lake Sonoma in the Rockpile AVA, Westphall Vineyard lies at an extreme 1,250 feet elevation. The unique layers of red volcanic soil are planted with 13 acres of outstanding zinfandel vines with excellent southern exposure. This extreme terrain leads to low yields, producing powerful and intense fruit. Wine from this special vineyard showcases truly noteworthy flavors that will evolve for years to come.

VINEYARD DETAILS:**CLONE:** Old Mazzoni heritage clone **SOIL TYPE:** Red volcanic layers high in iron oxide **ELEVATION:** 1,250 feet**VINE SPACING:** 6' x 8'**YIELD PER ACRE:** 2 tons**ROOTSTOCK:** St. George**YEAR PLANTED:** 1995**TRELLISING STYLE:** Cordon**IRRIGATION:** Minimal drip**RETAIL PRICE:** \$45. 250 cases produced.

Bella

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