WATTLE CREEK WINERY

Rockpile Syrah
2017

In the Vineyard

The Rockpile AVA of Sonoma County is a remote region ranging in elevations from 800 to 1200 feet, allowing for plentiful sunlight with less fog, thanks to an inversion layer created by nearby Lake Sonoma. The rocky hillsides stress the vines which results in small grape yields and concentrated, intense flavors.

About the Vintage

The 2017 vintage was marked by extreme conditions that reduced crop size, starting with abundant winter rainfall and mild spring weather, which led to vigorous vines. The growing season saw three heat spikes, including one over Labor Day weekend that kicked harvest into high gear with the grapes being harvested on September 7.

Tasting Notes

A bright purple in the glass, vibrant dark fruit aromas with notes of spice and black pepper greet the nose. Dense and powerful flavors coat the palate with black cherry, blackberry and a nice underlying tone of toasted oak with a hint of vanilla. Bold and structured tannins lead to an authoritative finish.

Appellation: Rockpile, Sonoma County

Alcohol: 15%

pH: 3.90

T/A: 6.3 g/L

Aging: 20 months in French oak, 30% new oak

Cases Produced: 91