

2013 Zinfandel, Jack's Cabin Vineyard



Vintage

2013

Varietal

Zinfandel

Appellation

Rockpile

Vineyard Designation

Jack's Cabin Vineyard

Composition

100% Zinfandel

Production

850

Fermentation

15 months in oak barrels 90% French 10 %

American

Alcohol %

14.75

Named after Jack Ireland, one of the area's earliest settlers, this vineyard's history is one of the more colorful in Rockpile. Jack's primary occupation was clearing land for sheep and cattle grazing. If you believe the stories, he was more known for his moonshine and disregard for the law, as apparently he spent many a night in the county jail. When my father, and grandfather before him, were growing up on the property, only the tattered remnants of Jack's house remained. The old decrepit structure only strengthened the notion that the "Cabin" was haunted, thus was born the legend of Jack's Cabin.

Planted at nearly 950-ft in elevation at roughly 10-15 degrees slope, the Jack's Cabin Vineyard is one of the premier vineyards sites in all of Rockpile. The vineyard has an ideal southern sun exposure and is planted with the meandering natural slope of the bench. Relatively hidden from the coastal breezes that howl through Rockpile, this vineyard is the least stressed of all the blocks.

The Jack's Cabin Zinfandel has a reputation of being the most fruit forward of the Rockpile Zins. The 2013 vintage exemplifies both incredible intensity and balance. Aromas of candied red cherry and black plum are overlaid with shaved milk chocolate and sweet baking spices. The rich entry explodes with dried red fruit followed by hints of mocha. For all of the ripe and rich fruit that our Jack's Cabin Zinfandel offers, the traditional Rockpile stamp of great balance and acidity still shines through, making it a great accompaniment to food. Please enjoy this wine over the next 7 years.