

Named after the hand-carved wooden Buffalo that overlooks the vineyard, this is the rockiest section of the vineyard, thus more stressful to the vines, producing very thick skinned and small berries. Located at 2000 ft elevation, the vineyard has soils of clay, loam and granite quartz. The granite adds a mineral backbone to the weight that the clay creates in the wine.

The aromatics soar from the glass and pull you in. It's deep and saturated in every way, from the black and red fruits to the crème de cassis, roasted earth and wild herbs. On the palate this wine wants to take you over the edge, with its full-body feel, from the first taste to the massive finish.

30% whole cluster fermentation, aged for 18 months in 100% new 228L and 500L French oak barrels. Drink 2020 - 2036.

2017 Buffalo Hill Rockpile Vineyard Rockpile AVA 100% Syrah

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"Killer notes of blackberries, crème de cassis, smoked earth, chocolate, lavender, and ground pepper all flow to a full-bodied, powerful, straight-up stacked Syrah that has a wealth of raw material, perfect balance, and a great, great finish."