

RIDGE 2005  
CALIFORNIA  
SYRAH/  
GRENACHE

LYTTON ESTATE VINEYARD: 50% SYRAH, 50% GRENACHE  
DRY CREEK VALLEY 14.7% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME  
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS  
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015

46 Barrels Produced

**2005 Syrah/Grenache, Lytton Estate, bottled Aug 07**

Though persistent rains delayed the start of the growing season, both grenache and syrah set full crops; an unusually warm Dry Creek Valley summer helped the vines regain lost time. Grenache was harvested during the last half of September, two weeks ahead of the syrah, which ripened in the heat of early October. Grapes from all eight parcels (four grenache, four syrah) fermented in separate tanks on their naturally-occurring yeasts. For more color and richer body, grenache was fully crushed. Syrah—inherently more deeply colored—was destemmed, but left as whole berries to moderate its tougher tannins. The wine was assembled the following June, after eight months in barrel. Aging continued for a total of twenty-two months; we racked for clarity each quarter. This is our fourth Syrah/Grenache Lytton Estate. These two varieties, each with its unique character, combine in a wine of layered fruit, opulent structure, and lively acidity. Enjoyable now, it will develop further complexity over the next five to seven years. EB (5/07)

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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS. CONTAINS SULFITES



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