

RIDGE 2007

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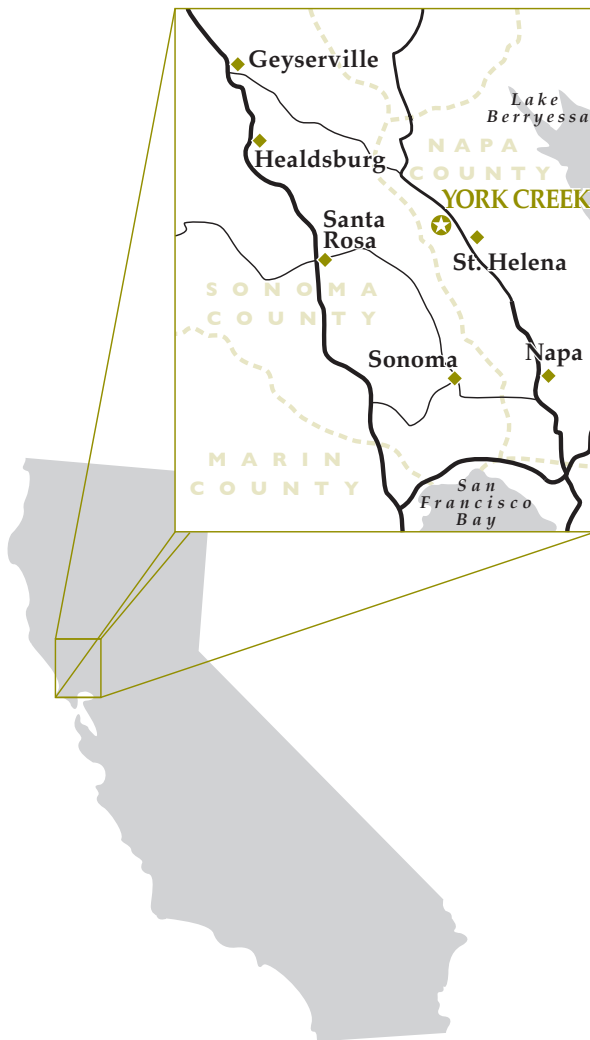
ZINFANDEL

YORK CREEK

2007 Zinfandel York Creek, bottled December 2008

Flowering and set were delayed by cool spring weather at this Spring Mountain vineyard above Napa Valley. For the second year in a row, the vines produced a full crop, which slowed ripening, and pushed harvest into October. We picked the older vines on Race Track block first, and finished with Kite Hill on October 19, just before the first rains. As usual, we fermented each of the seven parcels separately, on their natural yeasts. Slow, steady fermentations finished in eleven days, on average. Re-tasting after assemblage, we decided to include a significant amount of York Creek petite sirah for greater complexity and firmer structure. The wine was then racked to american oak barrels for twelve months of aging. This York Creek, though rich and structured, is one of the most supple and elegant wines we have made from the vineyard. Enjoyable now, it will continue to develop over the next six to eight years. JO (8/08)

78% ZINFANDEL, 22% PETITE SIRAH
14.6% alcohol by volume



History

York Creek Vineyard, situated high on Spring Mountain, overlooks St. Helena and the Napa Valley from the west. Ridge came here in 1971 for the old-vine petite sirah. We first harvested York Creek zinfandel in 1975, and have made it in every vintage since.

Vintage

Harvest Dates 3 October - 19 October

Grapes Average Brix 25.8°

Fermentation No inoculation; natural primary and secondary. (32% floating cap) Pressed at eleven days.

Aging 100% air-dried american oak barrels (25% new, 40% one to two years old and 35% three to four years old).

Time in Barrel Twelve months

Vineyard

First RIDGE Zinfandel York Creek 1975

Location Spring Mountain, western edge of Napa County.

Soils Well-drained Boomer gravelly loam, Felton loam.

Elevation 1600' - 1800'

Vines Zinfandel, planted early 1970s, 16 acres.
Zinfandel, planted 1989-90, 13 acres.
Petite sirah, planted 1973, 5.3 acres.
Petite sirah, planted early 1990s, 3.5 acres.

Training Head trained (no trellis), spur pruned.

Yields 2.5 tons per acre

Growing Season

Rainfall Thirty-five inches (below normal)

Bloom Mid-May

Weather A dry spring and a warm, dry summer with no sustained heat spells.

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