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**RIDGE 2007**

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**CALIFORNIA**

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**ZINFANDEL**

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**CARMICHAEL**

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*bottled December 2008, 47 barrels produced  
96% zinfandel, 4% petite sirah  
bottle cost: \$28, invoice will not be sent.*

#### **HISTORY**

*Originally a part of the Rancho Sotoyome Spanish land grant, these one hundred acres were purchased in the mid-1800s by Archibald Carmichael. Ridge began farming the western half of the ranch in 2000. The soils differ considerably between the upper and lower blocks. The Carmichael comes from just east of the right-of-way of the old Northwestern Pacific railroad. This is our fourth release from the ranch.*

#### **VINEYARD**

*First Ridge Carmichael 2004*

*Location* Western edge of Alexander Valley, south of Geyserville

*Soils* Loamy clay

*Vines* Zinfandel Block 6, planted 1987, 5.1 acres  
Zinfandel Block 7, planted 1984, 3.8 acres

*Training* Head trained (no trellis), spur pruned

*Yield* 1 - 2.5 tons per acre

#### **GROWING SEASON**

*Rainfall* 35 inches (below average)

*Bloom* Mid-May

*Weather* Dry spring and warm, dry summer with no sustained heat spells

#### **VINTAGE**

*Harvest Date* 26 August - 9 September

*Grapes* Average brix 24.3°

*Fermentation* A six day natural fermentation was carried out in small fermentors and pressed early; natural secondary fermentation started in tanks and finished in barrel by February 2009.

*Barrels* 100% air-dried american oak (25 % new, 30% one year, and 45% five years old)

*Aging* Fifteen months in barrel