RIDGE VINEYARDS

RIDGE Fall 2015 Wholesale Virtual Tasting Winemaker Notes & Tasting Order

Ridge 2013 Ponzo Zinfandel – 14.8% ABV, Russian River AVA (1,821 cs. produced)

93% zinfandel, 7% petite sirah Enticing nose of ripe raspberry, plum and black pepper; medium bodied, soft sensuous mouthfeel, cherry pie fruit, mineral notes and firm acid to the elegant, persistent finish. John Olney (7/15)

Ridge 2013 Lytton Springs – 14.3% ABV, Dry Creek Valley AVA (12,481 cs. produced) 74% zinfandel, 16% petite sirah, 8% carignane, 2% mataro (mourvedre) Complex aromas of vanilla, black olive, clove and blackberry. Full bodied with chalky tannins, ripe raspberry, and cassis fruit, lingering finish with notes of licorice and mint. -JO (7/15)

<u>Ridge 2013 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel</u> – 14.8% ABV, Sonoma County AVA (2,339 cs. produced) 83% zinfandel, 16% alicante bouschet, 1% petite sirah Deep garnet. Stewed plum, dried fig, oak spice, clay minerals. Opulent and full bodied; rich fruit, exotic spices, moderate acid, lingering finish. Eric Baugher (7/15)

<u>Ridge 2013 Lytton Estate Petite Sirah</u> – 13.9% ABV, Dry Creek Valley AVA (1,584 cs. produced) 97% zinfandel, 3% petite sirah

Opaque purple in color, pepper, eucalyptus and toasty oak on the nose, plentiful blackberry, plum fruit on the palate, full-bodied with well coated tannins and a long finish. JO (7/15)

<u>Ridge 2012 Monte Bello</u> – 13.8% ABV, Santa Cruz Mountains AVA (5,243 cs. produced) 64% cabernet sauvignon, 22% merlot, 8% cabernet franc, 6% petit verdot Saturated ruby. Ripe cassis, blackberry, violets, licorice, wet stone, oak spice. Strong blackberry fruit on entry; superb full body; structured, velvety tannins; toasty oak; crushedlimestone minerals; long, intense finish. –EB (1/15)