

RIDGE 1999

CALIFORNIA

LYTTON SPRINGS®

99 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2001

This year's late spring moved the growing season back by two weeks on the Ridge estate vineyards at Lytton Springs. Over time, we have noted increased size and structure in the Lytton Springs; the '99 best exemplifies this phenomenon to date. Combined with slightly more petite sirah than usual, and a fair amount of rich, sensuous carignane, this is a great vintage from an exceptional vineyard. The wine's weight allowed us to use more new and one-year-old american oak for aging—without detracting from the intense, layered fruit. Remembering the structure of the '74, which is beautiful still, we realize that this wine may be equally long-lived. Like all well-balanced zinfandels, however, it will also be appealing as a young wine.

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**70% ZINFANDEL IN A VINEYARD BLEND WITH 17% PETITE SIRAH,
10% CARIGNANE, AND 3% MATARO DRY CREEK VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY ALCOHOL 14.5% BY VOLUME**
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, INC. BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

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

