

RIDGE 2001
CALIFORNIA
LYTTON SPRINGS®

76% ZINFANDEL, 17% PETITE SIRAH, 7% CARIIGNANE
DRY CREEK VALLEY ALCOHOL 14.7% BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, INC. BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

40th Anniversary
1962 - 2001

01 Lytton Springs Vineyard, bottled Jan 03

An early start to the growing season—coupled with a warm summer—brought veraison (color change) by mid-July, at which point we thinned the crop to assure intensity. As harvest began it became clear that tannins were potentially excessive, so we left half the remaining grapes uncrushed to slow extraction. We also reduced circulation of juice over skins, and pressed at six days on average. After natural primary and secondary fermentations, we chose twenty-six of the thirty-four parcels as most intense and most typical of the vineyard. The wine aged in air-dried american oak barrels, half of which were two to four years old. Another twenty percent were new, and thirty percent were only one year old. This added more oak than usual, yet it remains a complement rather than a dominant in this rich, full wine. Enjoyable now, it will soften and gain further complexity over the next five to ten years. PD (12/02)

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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.



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