

RIDGE 2002 CALIFORNIA LYTTON SPRINGS®

75% ZINFANDEL, 20% PETITE SIRAH, 5% CARIGNANE
DRY CREEK VALLEY ALCOHOL 14.4% BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, INC. BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

02 Lytton Springs Vineyard, bottled Jan 04

Spring rains replenished the groundwater that sustains these dry-farmed vines through summer. Harvest began in mid-September and continued into early October as the grapes ripened fully in each individual parcel. At the first fermentation, it was apparent that tannins were developing rapidly. To give us better control of extraction, we allowed the grapes to float as a cap, rather than submerging them. To the same end, both the petite sirah and the very tannic zinfandel from the old vines on the eastern hills were destemmed, but left as whole berries. Despite these efforts, structure was still too firm after a year in barrel, so we fined with fresh egg whites. The resulting wine is full-bodied, yet well-defined, its layers of fruit readily apparent. Approachable when young, this excellent zinfandel will continue to mature over the next ten years.

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