

RIDGE 2008
CALIFORNIA
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**GRAPES: 72% ZINFANDEL, 20% CARIGNANE,
6% PETITE SIRAH, 2% MATARO (MOURVEDRE)**
SONOMA COUNTY 14.8% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, INC.
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015

2008 Geyserville Vineyard, bottled Jan 2010
Two consecutive years of limited rainfall challenged the growing season, but because yields were low, the vines escaped serious water stress. Sampling began in mid-August, showing ripeness on track for a month-long September harvest. In tank, color and tannin extraction was unusually rapid, as were uninoculated primary fermentations. We reduced pump-overs and pressed early, avoiding harsher tannins. Zinfandel and carignane showed exceptional quality, and form the core of the blend. (Wines from the petite sirah parcels were too tannic; the six percent included comes from a field-blend.) Natural secondary fermentation finished quickly, and we could rack to barrel a month ahead of schedule. Twenty percent new oak adds exotic spice. Superb concentration and firm acid will allow this fine zinfandel to develop over the next ten to fifteen years. EB (11/09)

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