

RIDGE 2008
CALIFORNIA
ZINFANDEL
EAST BENCH

100% ZINFANDEL
DRY CREEK VALLEY 14.9% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
650 LYTTON SPRINGS ROAD, HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA 95448

2008 Zinfandel, East Bench, bottled 1/10

One of our few single-varietal vineyards, East Bench sits atop the ridge that separates Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys. Its red clay/loam soils are ideal for growing zinfandel. In 2008, set was complete by late May; in July, after veraison, we dropped twenty percent of the crop to ensure optimum flavor and intensity. The grapes were hand-harvested between August 26 and September 2, and fermented on their native yeasts. Juice was pumped over the skins twice daily for nine days to achieve balanced tannin, color, and fruit. After natural malolactic, the parcels were combined and racked to air-dried american oak barrels to age for twelve months. The 2008 East Bench is quintessential Dry Creek Valley, exhibiting the red fruit, pepper spice, and mineral flavors that have made the region famous. Enjoyable now, the wine will develop fully over the next five to seven years. JO (11/09)

750 mL
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