

RIDGE 2009 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

80% ZINFANDEL, 14% ALICANTE BOUSCHET,
4% PETITE SIRAH, 2% CARIGNANE SONOMA VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY 15.0% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, P. O. BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015

2009 Zinfandel, Pagani Ranch, bottled 3/11

A brief winter and unusually warm spring and summer stressed these unirrigated old vines. Despite the stress, Sonoma Valley's cool climate kept the grapes from over-ripening. Harvested on October 11—two days before a powerful storm—the grapes were in perfect condition. Of three fermentors, one had a submerged-cap grid for gentle extraction; the others allowed the cap of skins to float. All were pumped over daily to aerate juice and keep the natural-yeast fermentation progressing to dryness. We combined the two most complex lots, transferred them to american oak barrels, and racked them off the lees every three to four months to clarify the wine naturally. Spice and fruit have integrated nicely. Like the 2008, this Pagani has the richness and structure for aging. It will develop fully over the next fifteen years. EB (12/10)

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750 mL
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