

RIDGE 2009

PONZO

ZINFANDEL

GRAPES: 98% ZINFANDEL, 2% PETITE SIRAH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.8% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
650 LYTTON SPRINGS RD, HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA 95448

09 Zinfandel, Ponzo Vineyard, bottled 2/11

Late rains delayed the growing season at Bob Ponzo's vineyard in the Russian River Valley, but summer leaf-pulling maximized sunlight on the clusters, and expedited ripening. Harvest began on October 2, and finished six days later, just ahead of this fall's torrential storm. The grapes macerated for eight days during native-yeast fermentation, yielding a wine rich in color and fruit, with firm natural acidity. After uninoculated malolactic fermentation, the wine aged for thirteen months in air-dried american oak barrels. Enjoyable now, this sumptuous zinfandel will be at its best over the next five years. JO (9/10)

Low yields and natural fermentations have produced fifty vintages of exceptional Ridge wines. The distinctive character of the finest wines has always been determined by their site—by nature, not by man. PD (4/10)

750 mL
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