

RIDGE 2005
CALIFORNIA
ZINFANDEL
PONZO
VINEYARD

97% ZINFANDEL, 3% PETITE SIRAH
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY 14.9% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
650 LYTTON SPRINGS RD, HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA 95448

2005 Zinfandel, Ponzo Vineyard, bottled Feb 07

All the fruit in this, our fourth Ponzo Zinfandel, comes from Bob Ponzo's vineyard just south of Healdsburg. As in 2004, favorable spring weather brought a full set, and with it the need for rigorous thinning at veraison. Grapes ripen slowly in the cool Russian River Valley—a full two weeks behind Dry Creek Valley just to the north; picking began October 3 on the Old Vine block of interplanted zinfandel and petite sirah. Younger vines on the Back Block were given an extra week to ripen further and moderate their firm acidity. During natural-yeast fermentations we pumped over twice daily, and pressed at seven days. After a natural malolactic, Triangle and Back blocks were combined with the more-tannic Old Vines. The wine was bottled after twelve months in air-dried american oak. The 2005 Ponzo is a beautifully balanced, sensuous wine. Enjoyable now, it will continue to develop over the next five to six years.

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