



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SPRING RELEASE CELEBRATION

April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley

### ASSEMBLAGE MONTE BELLO

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains

### MONTE BELLO COLLECTOR FINAL ASSEMBLAGE TASTING\*

May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains

### ZINS, BLENDS & BBQ

June 25<sup>th</sup>

Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains

### FARM-TO-GRILL

July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley

### FALL RELEASE CELEBRATION

August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains

### FALL RELEASE CELEBRATION

September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley

### HARVEST DINNER IN THE VINEYARD

September 24<sup>th</sup>

Lytton Springs, Dry Creek Valley

*\*open to Monte Bello Collector members only*

## VISIT OUR WINERIES

**Visit our two unique locations:** in the heart of Sonoma County's Dry Creek Valley and high on Monte Bello Ridge in California's rugged Santa Cruz Mountains.



Lytton Springs

Near Healdsburg in the heart of Sonoma's zinfandel country. A sustainable, photo-voltaic powered winery of straw-bale and earth-plaster construction, surrounded by hundred-year-old zinfandel vines.



Monte Bello

Above the San Francisco Peninsula at 2300' elevation. An old, historic winery, and vineyards planted to the Bordeaux varietals.

Members receive complimentary tastings at both of our properties and exclusive discounts on seated small-group tastings and events. An RSVP is required. Visit [www.ridgewine.com/visit](http://www.ridgewine.com/visit) to register.

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2014 East Bench Zinfandel	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$25.50
2014 Paso Robles Zinfandel	\$32.00	\$28.80	\$27.20
2014 Hooker Creek Zinfandel	\$32.00	\$28.80	\$27.20

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## RIDGE 2014 GEYSERVILLE®

60% ZINFANDEL, 24% CARIGNANE,  
12% PETITE SIRAH, 4% MATARO (MOURVEDRE)

**Winemaker's Notes:** A mild winter brought February bud-break. Though there was some rainfall, the drought continued a third year, and warm summer weather prompted a fast-paced harvest. Twenty-six fermented lots were blind tasted for assemblage. Zinfandel yields were low, giving carignane and petite sirah greater prominence. Sensuous flavors support a rich tannin structure. This superb vintage will be enjoyable over the next seven to eight years. EB (10/15)



In 1966, Ridge made its first Geyserville from a strip of river rock and clay soils along the abandoned San Francisco and Northern Pacific tracks. Over time, we added a second adjoining vineyard on the same narrow strip of soil. Each vintage is distinct but typically shows stone fruit, minty, minerality, and the definition and elegance of firm acidity.

## RIDGE 2014 EAST BENCH® ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL

**Winemaker's Notes:** Fifteen years ago, Ridge planted this hilltop to zinfandel; as the vines matured, flavors intensified. Spring rain reduced this year's crop, and a warm August brought early harvest. Smaller berries and lower yields meant concentration; for the first time all seven parcels were equally outstanding, and therefore included. This robust but approachable zinfandel is enjoyable now, or over the next six to seven years. JO (10/15)



**Ridge has made the East Bench as a single-site zinfandel since 2006.**

One of our few single-varietal wines, this zinfandel vineyard sits high atop the benchland that overlooks Dry Creek Valley from the east. The iron-rich soil is a blend of clay loam with ancient river rock. A true Dry Creek Valley zinfandel, East Bench shows the characteristic rich, briary fruit and peppery spice that are the hallmarks of the appellation.

## RIDGE 2014 PASO ROBLES ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL

**Winemaker's Notes:** The third year of drought—and driest yet—reduced yields. Miraculously, the vines held on for a late-August harvest. A seven-day fermentation fully extracted the small berries, producing an intense wine. A warm January increased cellar temperatures, finishing the remaining sugar. Once returned to barrel, the wine continued aging for twelve months. Ripe fruit, exotic spice, and elegant tannins give it immediate appeal, and it will be at its best over the next five to seven years. EB (8/15)



**The Benito Dusi Ranch**

is the only vineyard in the Central Coast Viticultural Area from which we source grapes. The 1967 vintage was our first wine from this vineyard. It was planted to zinfandel in 1922, which is unusual because Prohibition had started two years earlier. Purchased by Sylvester and Catarina Dusi in 1924, the property has been farmed since the 1940s by their son Benito, the owner.

OPTIONAL SHIPMENT

## RIDGE 2014 HOOKER CREEK ZINFANDEL

96% ZINFANDEL, 2% ALICANTE,  
2% PETITE SIRAH

**The 2014 is our second harvest** from this old Sonoma Valley ranch. These head-trained vines, planted to a traditional field blend, produced a small, concentrated crop that ripened early. Half the grapes were fermented using a submerged cap to maximize gentle extraction of color and tannin. Robust and full-bodied, this appealing zinfandel will be enjoyable over the next six to seven years. JO (9/15)

Hooker Creek is named after fighting Joe Hooker, a general in the union army during the Civil War. His personal reputation was as a hard-drinking ladies' man, and his headquarters was known for parties and gambling. Despite an ethically questionable life style, "Fighting Joe" Hooker went on to command the Army of the Potomac in 1863 as a major general. After losing the Battle of Chancellorsville to a Confederate force under Robert E. Lee, half the size of his army, he was relieved of command. As a civilian, he purchased 550 acres of the Agua Caliente land grant from General Vallejo, built a house and briefly settled down to a farmer's life. The stream that flowed across his property became known as Hooker Creek. The vines on the two blocks were planted between 1888 and 1895.

