



## NEWS

### The Purchase of Whitton Ranch

On this fiftieth anniversary of our first Geyserville vintage, we are excited to announce that we have purchased Whitton Ranch — the thirty-six acres of vineyard land that, over the years, have provided the grapes for this wine.

The thirty-six acres of vineyard at Whitton include “Old Patch,” containing 4.5 acres of a field blend and an additional 2.5 acres of old carignane vines planted in 1891; they are among the oldest vines in California. Old Patch still yields over two tons per acre, and provides an additional complex element to the wine. Another nine acres of zinfandel are fifty years old. We replanted the remaining acres in 1990 and 1991. Now over twenty-five years old, these younger vines on Geyserville’s stony, clay soil contribute intense fruit with the same high quality and distinct character as the older vines.

We are pleased to know we will be able to make the Geyserville far into the future. We believe it is one of the finest zinfandels in the world.

— **David Amadia**, Vice President of Sales and Marketing



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## VISIT



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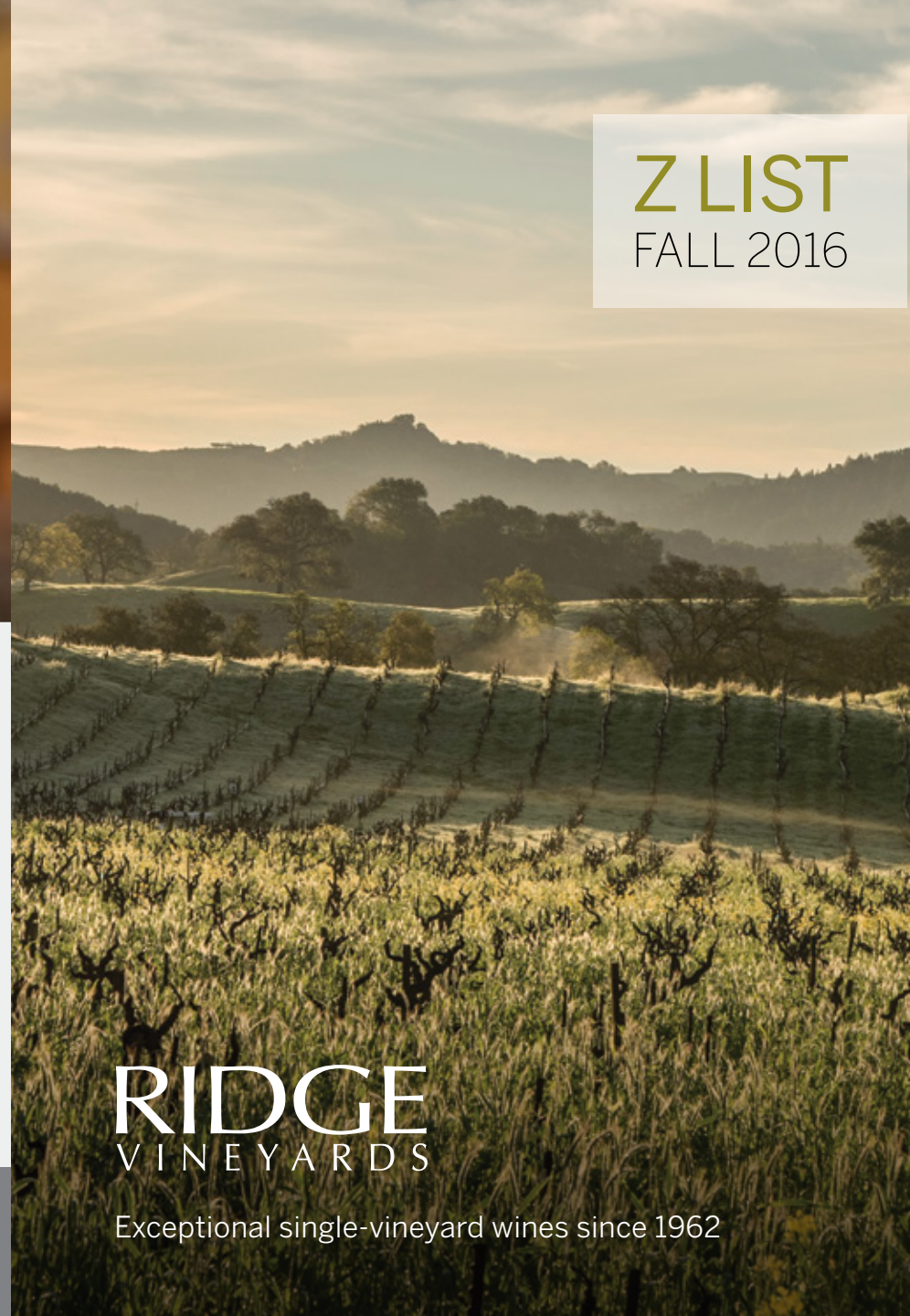
FALL SELECTIONS	RETAIL	MEMBER	CASE (12+)
2014 <b>LYTTON SPRINGS</b>	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$34.00
2014 <b>PONZO ZINFANDEL</b>	\$32.00	\$28.80	\$27.20
2014 <b>PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL</b>	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$34.00
2014 <b>JIMSOMARE ZINFANDEL</b>	\$32.00	\$28.80	\$27.20

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## RIDGE 2014 LYTTON SPRINGS



69% ZINFANDEL  
18% PETITE SIRAH  
11% CARIGNANE  
2% MATARO (MOURVEDRE)

**Winemaker's Notes:** April rains disrupted flowering and reduced yields, but gave the vines enough water to survive a third year of drought. Mild temperatures in August proved ideal for ripening. The thirty-four parcels were fermented separately; we combined the twenty-five that best expressed the vineyard's distinctive character. Thirteen months in barrel has softened tannins and added complexity. Enjoyable in its youth, this fine wine will evolve over the next ten years. JO (9/15)

## RIDGE 2014 PONZO ZINFANDEL



96% ZINFANDEL  
4% PETITE SIRAH

**Winemaker's Notes:** Warm weather hastened ripening on our one Russian River vineyard for a September harvest. Aggressive thinning in the cordon pruned Back Block concentrated flavors; combined with Old Vines, it was racked to barrel. Oak aging lends spice to the wine's plentiful red fruit, and firm acid maintains balance. Soft and elegant, this fine zinfandel is accessible as a young wine, and will be at its best over the next five to six years. JO (8/15)

## RIDGE 2014 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

80% ZINFANDEL  
17% ALICANTE BOUSCHET  
3% PETITE SIRAH

**Winemaker's Notes:** A mild winter, short on rain, prompted an early growing season, and all nine parcels ripened beautifully for a mid-September harvest. As usual, the grapes arrived with naturally high acidity; rich flavors supported using more new oak than is typical. Intense color and smooth tannins characterize this complex zinfandel, which will be most enjoyable over the next eight to ten years. EB (3/16)



OPTIONAL SHIPMENT

## RIDGE 2014 ZINFANDEL JIM SOMARE

100% ZINFANDEL

**Winemaker's Notes:** This dry growing season began a month early, and warm summer weather ripened the grapes for a September 24 harvest. Eight days of fermentation, with twice-daily pumpovers, provided full extraction. After pressing, the wine was held for five weeks to complete malolactic. It then spent sixteen months in american oak. Rich and wonderfully complex now, it will continue to develop over the next seven to eight years. EB (2/16)