



WINTER 2018

LYTTON EAST HILLS

FROM OUR OLDEST VINES AT LYTTON SPRINGS

Planted in 1901, the vines on the eastern hills are the oldest on the Lytton Springs estate. The blocks are made up of approximately 60% zinfandel and 38% petite sirah with an additional 2% of inter-planted grapes including carignane, alicante bouschet, bastardo, and others.

The fruit from these blocks is very distinct primarily due to the thin topsoil because of centuries of hillside erosion. The vines produce very low yields (less than one ton per acre) with very intense flavors.

Because of its unique character, we have typically bottled these blocks on their own. In 2014, we have bottled this wine as Lytton East Hills, and it is a blend of 61% zinfandel and 39% petite sirah.

VISIT

MONTE BELLO

High atop the Santa Cruz Mountains, 2,300 feet above Silicon Valley, the historic winery is dedicated to the production of Bordeaux varieties and chardonnay.



LYTTON SPRINGS

Located just north of Healdsburg in Dry Creek Valley, the heart of zinfandel country, the winery is constructed of straw bales and earthen plaster. Surrounded by century-old vines, the winery produces more than 70% of its own electricity through solar power.

ORDER

WINTER SELECTIONS	RETAIL	MEMBER	CASE (12+)
2013 YORK CREEK ZINFANDEL	Reorders unavailable for this wine		
2015 CARMICHAEL ZINFANDEL	\$37.00	\$33.30	\$31.45
2014 LYTTON EAST HILLS	\$33.00	\$29.70	\$28.05
2015 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL	\$35.00	\$31.50	\$29.75

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RIDGE 2013 YORK CREEK MILL BLOCK ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL

Winemaker's Notes: A second warm summer hastened ripening at this Spring Mountain vineyard above Napa Valley. There was little morning fog, enabling us to harvest in mid-September. Natural yeast fermentations began by day three, and finished twelve days later. Though we frequently include petite sirah, this year zinfandel alone provided ample structure and depth of color. This full, rich wine is enjoyable now, after a year in barrel, and will evolve over the next five to six years. JO (10/14)



RIDGE 2015 CARMICHAEL ZINFANDEL

87% ZINFANDEL
13% PETITE SIRAH

Winemaker's Notes: A wet winter and late spring rains helped alleviate the drought. We base picking on tasting grape samples from each parcel. This year, two passes at harvest optimized ripeness. We crushed the grapes to tanks fitted with grids to submerge the cap for more gentle extraction. This elegant, balanced wine is already showing appealing fruit and will develop further complexity over the next five to six years. EB (12/16)



RIDGE 2014 LYTTON EAST HILLS

61% ZINFANDEL
39% PETITE SIRAH

Winemaker's Notes: The oldest vines at Lytton Springs were planted over 100 years ago on the hills that form the estate's eastern boundary. Each year after fermentation we select those lots that best characterize the vineyard. Occasionally, though outstanding on their own, the wines from the Hills do not integrate with the rest. This was the case in 2014. The high amount of petite sirah produced a full, robust wine that will age for at least ten years. JO (10/15)



OPTIONAL SHIPMENT

RIDGE 2015 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL

Winemaker's Notes: This wine is the product of the Heritage Vineyard Project, three acres of vines containing nineteen different zinfandel selections from the most renowned California vineyards. This is a collaboration between ZAP (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers) and the University of California at Davis. The vineyard was established to research, preserve and propagate these selections. This zinfandel is soft, elegant and enjoyable now. JO (8/16)