

# RIDGE 2016 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

88% ZINFANDEL, 9% PETITE SIRAH, 3% ALICANTE BOUSCHET  
SONOMA VALLEY 14.8% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

## HISTORY

Since 1991, Ridge has made zinfandel from the Pagani vineyard on the western side of Sonoma Valley. The majority of the vineyard was planted ninety to one hundred twenty years ago; portions of it were replanted between 2013—2018. The vineyard is meticulously tended by a quality-conscious family who has worked the land for four generations. An average site would have been abandoned during the thirteen years of Prohibition, or during the Depression. Its long survival is proof of its merit.

**FIRST RIDGE PAGANI RANCH:** 1991

## VINTAGE

**Rainfall:** 38 inches

**Bloom:** Mid-March, with veraison by mid-July

**Weather:** A very wet December and January helped ease the drought which emphatically ended in March. Cool weather in April reduced the crop. Harvest started mid-September and finished quickly.

**Harvest Dates:** 14 - 21 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 25.1°

## WINEMAKING

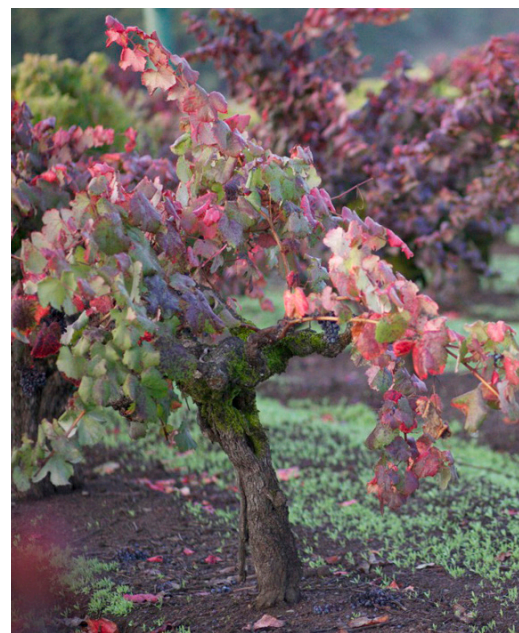
**Fermentation:** Grapes destemmed and crushed. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; pumped over a floating cap and pressed at nine days.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried american oak barrels (15% new, 30% one and two years old and 55% three, four and five years old).

**Aging:** Twelve months in barrel

Pagani Ranch grapes; hand-harvested; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the native yeasts, followed by full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 65 ppm over the course of aging); pad filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.

*2016 Pagani Ranch, bottled Dec 2017*  
Ample winter rains and calm spring weather provided excellent conditions for flowering and set. The concentrated fruit from the century-old vines blended perfectly with the softer texture of the young vines. Lively acidity helps focus the layered, brambly fruit on the palate. Enjoyable upon release, this harmonious zinfandel will develop over seven to eight years. JO (8/17)



## SITE

**Pagani Ranch Vineyard** is located in Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County.

**Elevation:** 100 - 150'

**Soils:** Gravelly clay loam

**Vines:** Zinfandel, interplanted with minor amounts of petite sirah, carignane and alicante, all 30 acres planted from 1896 to 1922.

**Training:** Head trained, (no trellis)

**Yields:** 2.5-4.0 tons per acre



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