

Tim Boatman's grandparents, Emilia and Eugene Moretti, emigrated from the mountain town of San Pellegrinetto, Italy in the early 1900s. In 1935, Emilia and Eugene acquired a 50-acre ranch that sat in the hills on the border of Dry Creek Valley and Alexander Valley. When Eugene passed away, he left the property to Tim's mother and uncle, who sold it to Tim in the mid-1960s. The ranch was undeveloped at the time with no roads, water, or power.

Based on his grandparents' roots, surrounded by terraced vineyards in the mountains of Italy, Tim had a vision to plant and grow grapes on the hillsides of the property and began developing and planting the ranch in 1972. He obtained the first budwood from a pioneer vineyard located near Lake Sonoma. One-third of the vineyard is planted to this early clone, along with several others including Mendocino, DuPratt, and Primitivo. The vineyard is remarkably steep with the various blocks carved out of the mountain by Tim himself. Tim notes: "Once you cut the ground, you're married to it. It's a done deal — you can't do it over again. You better get it right. It's like having a baby. You make it, you take care of it."



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.

FALL SELECTIONS	RETAIL	MEMBER	CASE (12+)
2015 BOATMAN ZINFANDEL	\$33.00	\$29.70	\$28.05
2016 GUADAGNI ZINFANDEL	\$33.00	\$29.70	\$28.05
2014 YORK CREEK PETITE SIRAH	\$37.00	\$33.30	\$31.45
2015 BOATMAN-JAKE'S BLOCK	\$33.00	\$29.70	\$28.05

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### RIDGE 2014 YORK CREEK PETITE SIRAH

#### 100% PETITE SIRAH

Winemaker's Notes: A Ridge tradition since 1971, these mountain grapes delivered yet again in 2014. We typically pick this vineyard late in the season, but early bud-break and warm weather advanced the harvest. Picked at full ripeness and pumped over once daily for seven days, this fine wine has appealing blackberry fruit, full structure, and balanced acidity. Best appreciated after five years of cellar age, it will develop over a further fifteen. JO (10/15)



# RIDGE 2015 BOATMAN ZINFANDEL

#### 100% ZINFANDEL

Winemaker's Notes: This is our second harvest from this Alexander Valley hillside vineyard. These forty-five year old head trained vines set a small, concentrated crop that reached full ripeness early. Each of the seven vineyard parcels were picked by the third week of August. After malolactic, we selected the Wileys, Flag, and Graveyard blocks for their intense fruit and sumptuous texture. Enjoyable now, this zinfandel will evolve over another five to six years. JO (10/16)

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ZINFANDEL

ZINFANDEL, 7% PETITE SIRAH

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# RIDGE 2016 GUADAGNI ZINFANDEL

93% ZINFANDEL 7% PETITE SIRAH

Winemaker's Notes: Owned and farmed by the Guadagni family for over fifty years, this vineyard is at the northern edge of the Dry Creek Valley. Planted primarily to zinfandel; petite sirah from an adjacent parcel added color and depth. We limited pump-overs to once daily and pressed early as color and tannin were plentiful. Our first release from this vineyard is a sensuous yet structured zinfandel. Enjoyable young, it will age for seven-to-eight years. JO (6/17)



Winemaker's Notes: This hillside vineyard consists of seven parcels, each of which we harvest and ferment separately. In 2015, one of these, Jake's Block, named after Tim Boatman's son Jake, stood out for its smooth texture and intense red fruit. We therefore chose to age and bottle it by itself. Enjoyable as a young wine, this zinfandel will be best over the next five years. JO (8/16)

