



RHÔNE WINES

OUR HISTORY WITH RHÔNES

Carignane, mataro, grenache and petite sirah were brought to California in the late 1800s from southern France. In many vineyards planted during that era, including Lytton Springs and Geyserville, these grapes were interplanted with zinfandel. Pursuing an interest in grape varieties that have played a major role in California's viticultural history, Ridge has made varietal bottlings of petite sirah for fifty years (1970), mataro and carignane for thirty years (1990) and grenache for twenty-eight years (1992).

Syrah, petite sirah's far more famous progenitor, did not appear on the California scene until the second decade of the twentieth century, and then only at one or two sites. In 1995 Ridge purchased the vineyards just west of the first Lytton Springs plantings. The property, now Lytton West, included two tiny parcels of syrah and a few viognier vines and became the source of our Lytton Estate Syrah, with the first vintage in 1996.

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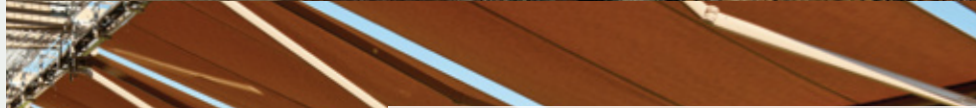


MONTE BELLO

High-atop the Santa Cruz Mountains, 2300 feet above Silicon Valley, the historic winery is dedicated to the production of Bordeaux varieties and chardonnay.



VISIT



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.



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SPRING SELECTIONS	RETAIL	MEMBER	CASE (12+)
2016 SYRAH GRENACHE MATARO	\$37.00	\$33.30	\$31.45
2017 BUCHIGNANI CARIGNANE	\$33.00	\$29.70	\$28.05
2014 BUCHIGNANI ZINFANDEL	\$35.00	\$31.50	\$29.75
2016 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL	\$35.00	\$31.50	\$29.75

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RIDGE 2016 SYRAH GRENACHE MATARO

54% SYRAH
30% GRENACHE
16% MATARO

Winemaker's Notes: Mild spring weather opened the growing season. The syrah and grenache vines set a balanced crop, but we decided to thin the mataro at veraison to gain intensity. Syrah contributes structure; grenache from 60-year-old vines adds floral notes, and mataro brings spice and raspberry fruit to the finish. This appealing syrah-based wine will be best over the next four to five years. JO (9/17)



RIDGE 2017 BUCHIGNANI RANCH CARIGNANE

100% HILLSIDE GROWN,
OLD VINE CARIGNANE

Winemaker's Notes: After years of drought, heavy winter rains returned to northern California. Reinvigorated by moisture in the soil and a warm growing season, these old carignane vines set a full crop. Record-breaking temperatures during the last week of August brought the grapes to full ripeness. Fairly robust in style, the wine still maintains its balance with the brisk acidity that makes this varietal so versatile. Enjoyable upon release, it will be at its best over the next four to five years. JO (5/18)



RIDGE 2014 BUCHIGNANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

84% ZINFANDEL
16% CARIGNANE

Winemaker's Notes: Another dry winter limited vigor in the old zinfandel vines on Buchignani Ranch. A reduced crop and warm weather in June and July hastened ripening and led to our earliest harvest since 1999. After fermentation, we included carignane from an adjacent block to add acidity and balance the ripe zinfandel fruit. After twelve months of barrel age, the wine is rich yet well-defined; it will evolve fully over the next five to six years. JO (9/15)



OPTIONAL SHIPMENT

RIDGE 2016 HERITAGE ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL

Winemaker's Notes: This wine comes from a site in Oakville planted by the University of California at Davis in collaboration with ZAP (Zinfandel Advocates and Producers) and contains nineteen different selections from California's most renowned zinfandel vineyards. The vineyard was established to research and preserve these historic selections. This zinfandel will be most enjoyable over the next four to five years. JO (8/17)