

RIDGE 2018

EAST BENCH

ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

100% ZINFANDEL (organically grown)
14.9% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

HISTORY

Ridge has made the East Bench as a single vineyard since 2006, one of the few Ridge zinfandels that is 100% zinfandel. The vineyard sits high atop the bench land that overlooks Dry Creek Valley from the east.

FIRST RIDGE EAST BENCH: 2006

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 25 inches (below normal)

Bloom: May

Weather: Winter rains were light this year, totaling 25 inches. Rains in April and May helped the vines get through the summer.

Harvest Dates: 11 - 14 September

Grapes: Average Brix 24.7°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; once daily pump-overs; pressed at nine days.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (10% new oak, 10% one-year-old, 20% two-year-old, 20% three-year-old, 20% four-year-old, and 20% five-year-old).

Aging: Twelve months in barrel

pH: 3.70

TA: 6.42 g/L

Hand-harvested; estate-grown organic grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the indigenous yeast, followed by a full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 77 ppm during aging); pad filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.



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2018 Zinfandel, East Bench, bottled 12/2019

The growing season at this hilltop vineyard began favorably with mild spring weather. Thanks to steady, warm weather throughout August, all seven parcels were ready to pick by early September. After fermenting each separately, we chose six for their exuberant fruit, elegant tannins and balanced acidity. Enjoyable upon release this exemplary zinfandel will evolve over six to seven years.

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East Bench Vineyard is located on the Eastern bench of Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

Soils: Gravelly clay loam

Age of Vines: Planted in 2000

Training: Head trained (no trellis), spur pruned

Yields: 5 tons per acre

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