

# RIDGE 2018 GEYSERVILLE

68% ZINFANDEL, 20% CARIGNANE, 10% PETITE SIRAH,  
2% ALICANTE BOUSCHET ALEXANDER VALLEY  
14.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

## HISTORY

Ridge has made the Geyserville as a single-site zinfandel every year since 1966. The grapes are grown in three adjoining vineyards on a defined stretch of gravelly soil approximately one-and-a-quarter miles long and a half-mile wide.

**FIRST RIDGE GEYSERVILLE** 1966

## VINTAGE

**Rainfall:** 55.9cm (below normal)

**Bloom:** May

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

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Harvest Dates:** 14 - 28 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.8°

**Fermentation:** Full Crush, 100% floating cap. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; daily pump-overs; pressed at 8 days.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (11% new, 42% one- and two-years-old; 47% three- and four-years-old.)

**Aging:** Thirteen months in barrel

**pH:** 3.66 **TA:** 6.45 g/L **RS:** 2.25 g/L

Hand-harvested estate-grown grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the native yeasts, followed by full malolactic on the naturally-occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; SO<sub>2</sub>; pad filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.



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*2018 Geyserville, bottled January 2020*  
Winter was dry, though storms in March brought significant rain. Summer remained cool, with warmth arriving just before harvest in mid-September. Fermentations took longer to fully extract color and tannin. Carignane and petite sirah showed exceptional quality, particularly when co-fermented within the old vine zinfandel parcels. This sensuous wine, with its rich fruit and wonderful complexity, will be enjoyable over the next twelve years.

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## SITE

Geyserville Vineyard is located on the Western edge of Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

**Soils:** Gravelly loam

**Age of Vines:** Youngest 15 years; oldest over 125 years; sixty percent 50 years or older.

**Training:** Head trained (no trellis), spur pruned.

**Yields:** 44.7 hectoliters/hectare

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