

# RIDGE 2018 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

84% ZINFANDEL, 9% ALICANTE BOUSCHET, 7% PETITE SIRAH  
SONOMA VALLEY 14.9% 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:** 25 inches

**Bloom:** May

**Weather:** Rains in April and May helped the vines get through the summer. We were already into our zinfandel harvest when the Labor Day heat wave hit.

**Harvest Dates:** 10 - 12 October

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.1°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

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

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels; 10% new, 15% one-year-old, 25% two-year-old, 25% three-year-old, and 25% four-year-old).

**Aging:** Fourteen months in barrel

**pH:** 3.37

**TA:** 6.92 g/L

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, 20 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.



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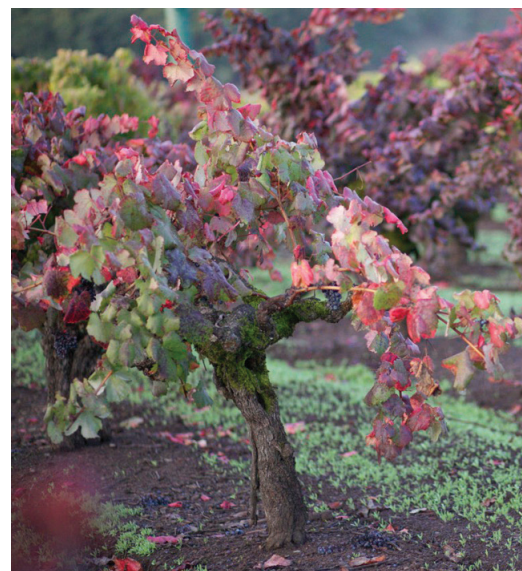
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*2018 Zinfandel, Pagani Ranch, bottled 4/19*

*Due to the cool microclimate at Pagani Ranch, it is usually the last zinfandel vineyard we pick. To encourage ripening, we pulled leaves and dropped all of the largest clusters. We harvested the young vine zinfandel on October 10 and finished two days later with the alicante. Bright acidity and layered fruit typify this sensuous wine. It will gain complexity over the next seven to eight years. JO (2/20)*



## 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, thirty acres planted from 1896 to 1922. Six acres replanted to zinfandel and petite sirah in 2013.

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

**Yields:** 2.8 tons per acre

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