

RIDGE 2019 LYTTON SPRINGS

73% ZINFANDEL, 16% PETITE SIRAH, 9% CARIGNANE,
2% MATARO SONOMA COUNTY DRY CREEK VALLEY
14.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

HISTORY

In 1972, Ridge made its first Lytton Springs from vines planted on the eastern half of the vineyard at the turn of the century. Both the eastern and western portions of the vineyard were purchased in the early 1990s, (In the 1870s, under "Captain" William Litton's ownership, the two were part of one property; spelling evolved to "Lytton" by 1903.) The vineyard is planted to zinfandel and its principal complementary varieties.

FIRST RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS 1972

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 155.4 cm (above normal)

Bloom: May

Weather: Total rainfall for the season was almost double our usual amounts. The vines responded with bountiful yields of great quality.

Harvest Dates: 10 September - 14 October

Grapes: Average Brix 24.3°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: Full crush; 100% Natural primary and secondary; pressed at eleven days.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (15% new; 15% one-year-old; 20% two-year-old, 20% three-year-old, 15% four-year-old, and 15% five-year-old).

Aging: Fourteen months in barrel

pH: 3.77 **TA:** 5.57 g/L **RS:** 0.33 g/L

Hand-harvested, sustainably grown, estate grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the native yeasts, followed by full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; a total of 5.79 g/L tartaric acid; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (0.04 g/L at crush, 0.06 g/L 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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2019 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2021
After a short harvest the prior year, the vines rebounded with a full crop. Moderate summer temperatures allowed for slow ripening. We waited until mid-September to pick to ensure all varieties were ready. After malolactic, twenty-four blocks were combined, including two pure petite sirah blocks, to add structure to the abundant zinfandel fruit. Enjoyable young, this outstanding wine will gain in complexity over ten to fifteen years. JO (12/20)



SITE

Lytton Springs Vineyard is located on the bench and hills separating Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys, just north of Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

Soils: Varied, with a predominance of gravelly clay; gravelly clay loam on hillsides.

Age of Vines: Lytton East: zinfandel, petite sirah, and carignane planted 1901 (32 acres) and 1910 (4.5 hectares); zinfandel and petite sirah, planted 1997-1998 (2 hectares), Lytton West: zinfandel, petite sirah, carignane, re-planted 1953-1968 (10.5 hectares); zinfandel and petite sirah, planted 1980's (1 hectare); zinfandel and petite sirah planted in 1990's (17.3 hectares); zinfandel, petite sirah, and carignane, in 2000's (24.3 hectares).

Training: Head trained (no trellis) spur pruned.

Yields: 44.7 hectoliters per hectare

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