

# RIDGE 2019 EAST BENCH ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY  
SONOMA COUNTY

100% ZINFANDEL (organically grown)  
14.8% 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:** 61.2 inches (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 - 26 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.4°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

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

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (20% new oak, 20% one-year-old, 20% three-year-old, 30% four-year-old, and 10% five-year-old).

**Aging:** Twelve months in barrel

**pH:** 3.76

**TA:** 5.36 g/L

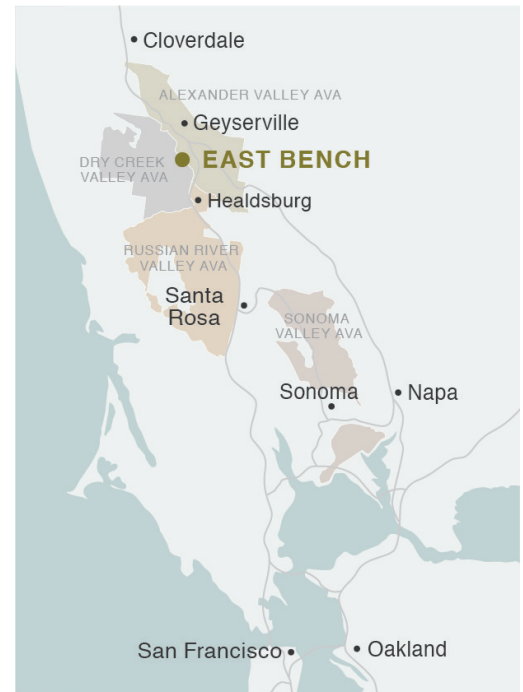
Hand-harvested; estate-grown organic grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the indigenous yeast, followed by a full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (50 ppm at crush, 89 ppm during aging); pad filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.



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*2019 Zinfandel, East Bench, bottled 12/2020*  
This is our fifteenth release from this 100% zinfandel vineyard. Favorable spring weather created ideal conditions for a full crop. To maximize color and flavor, we macerated the fermenting grapes for a week on average. After assembling seven of the eight parcels, the finished wine displays classic peppery, red fruit typical of Dry Creek. Enjoyable upon release, this pure zinfandel will develop over the next seven years. JO (11/20)



## SITE

**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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