

RIDGE 2019 PASO ROBLES ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL BENITO DUSI RANCH
PASO ROBLES 14.8% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

HISTORY

Benito Dusi's Ranch is the only zinfandel vineyard that Ridge sources from within the Central Coast Viticultural Area. The 1967 vintage was our first wine from the Dusi Ranch. It was planted to zinfandel in 1922 which is unusual because Prohibition had started two years earlier. Purchased by Sylvester and Catarina Dusi in 1924, the property has been farmed since the 1940s by their son Benito, the owner. Benito passed away in 2019, leaving the care of the vineyard to his nephew, Mike.

FIRST RIDGE PASO ROBLES: 1967

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 30 inches, twice as much as normal.

Bloom: Late May

Weather: A cool wet spring gave way to typically beautiful Paso Robles weather: hot days, cool nights, great for zinfandel.

Harvest Dates: 2 - 5 September

Grapes: Average Brix 24.6°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: 100% natural primary and secondary fermentation; 100% submerged cap; pressed at six days.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (77% Appalachian, 23% Ozark); 37% one-year-old, 5% two-year-old, and 58% three-year-old).

Aging: Twelve months in barrel

pH: 3.28

TA: 8.22 g/L

Benito Dusi Vineyard 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. 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, Paso Robles, bottled 12/20

Drenching winter storms brought the vines much needed water. Cold spring weather delayed bud-break and bloom. Fortunately, a warm summer ripened the grapes for an early September harvest. Each vineyard parcel fermented in separate tanks for an average of six days. Once pressed, the finished lots were tasted. The most appealing, fruit-forward wines were assembled. This delicious vintage can be enjoyed now and over the next five to seven years. EB (9/20)



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Benito Dusi's Vineyard is located three miles south of Paso Robles on the east side of Highway 101, within the Templeton Gap District.

Soils: Rocky and gravelly, with areas of light soil.

Age of Vines: Zinfandel, 25 acres, planted in 1922.

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

Yields: 3.5 tons per acre

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