

RIDGE 2019 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

90% ZINFANDEL, 6% PETITE SIRAH, 4% ALICANTE BOUSCHET
SONOMA VALLEY 14.8% 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: 46" (above average)

Bloom: May

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

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest Dates: 19 September - 5 October

Grapes: Average Brix 24.5°

Fermentation: Grapes destemmed and crushed. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; pumped over a floating cap and pressed at nine 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: 3.52

TA: 7.34 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, 57 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.



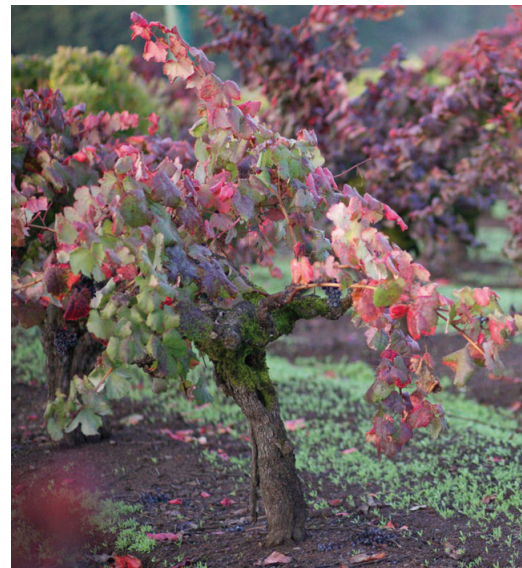
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*2019 Zinfandel, Pagani Ranch, bottled 3/21
Late spring rains delayed the start of the growing season but warm steady weather in August ripened the grapes by late September. Fermented over nine days, focused fruit and elegant tannins are complemented by the firm acidity typical of this vineyard. Aging in American oak adds an extra note of spice. Enjoyable upon release, this well-balanced zinfandel will evolve over another eight years.
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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: 3.3 tons per acre

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