

RIDGE 2020 PASO ROBLES ZINFANDEL

100% ZINFANDEL BENITO DUSI RANCH
PASO ROBLES 14.5% 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: 8 inches (below normal)

Bloom: Late May

Weather: Winter rains were light this year. The vines yield was average, with good ripeness.

Harvest Dates: 25 - 27 August

Grapes: Average Brix 24.4°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: 100% natural primary and secondary fermentation; 100% submerged cap.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (20% new, 25% one-year-old, 20% two-year-old, 20% three-year-old, and 15% five-year-old).

Aging: Twelve months in barrel

pH: 3.60

TA: 6.10 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 for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 136 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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2020 Zinfandel, Paso Robles, bottled 12/21

In 1967 Ridge first bought zinfandel from this vineyard, then farmed by Benito Dusi. Today, his nephew, Mike Dusi, continues to tend the old, dry farmed vines. Picked at ideal ripeness, the 2020 is exceptionally well balanced in fruit, tannin and acid. It is enjoyable as a young wine for its exuberant fruit and will continue to evolve over seven to eight years. JO (11/21)



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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: 2.15 tons per acre

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