

# RIDGE 2020 LYTTON SPRINGS

79% ZINFANDEL, 11% PETITE SIRAH, 10% CARIGNANE  
DRY CREEK VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY  
14.6% 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:** 21.2 inches (below normal)

**Bloom:** Late-May

**Weather:** Rains in March and April helped the vines get through the summer. We were just starting harvest when the heat and fires hit in August.

**Harvest Dates:** 21 August - 17 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 25.1°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Fermentation:** Full crush; 100% Natural primary and secondary.

**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:** Thirteen months in barrel

**pH:** 3.74

**TA:** 5.97 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; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 72 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 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2022*  
Plentiful rain in early November and December subsided by January. Late spring rains during flowering reduced fruit set across all varieties, especially petite sirah. Thirty-eight blocks were picked at ideal ripeness over four weeks from August to September. Of these, twenty-six were selected for their rich black fruit and perfectly balanced structure. This classic Lytton Springs will be enjoyable over the next ten years. JO (11/21)



## 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 (11 acres); zinfandel and petite sirah, planted 1997-1998 (5 acres), Lytton West: zinfandel, petite sirah, carignane, re-planted 1953-1968 (26 acres); zinfandel and petite sirah, planted 1980's (2.5 acres); zinfandel and petite sirah planted in 1990's (42.8 acres); zinfandel, petite sirah, and carignane, in 2000's (60 acres).

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

**Yields:** 2.5 tons per acre

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