

RIDGE 2021

EAST BENCH

ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY
SONOMA COUNTY

100% ZINFANDEL (organically grown)
14.9% 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: 14 inches (below average)

Bloom: Early May

Weather: A dry winter and spring stressed the vines, limiting yields and concentrating flavors.

Harvest Dates: 3 - 7 September

Grapes: Average Brix 25.2°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (19% new oak, 9% one-year-old, 8% two-year-old, and 64% five-plus-year-old).

Aging: Fourteen months in barrel

pH: 3.64

TA: 6.55 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 (35 ppm at crush, 126 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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2021 Zinfandel, East Bench, bottled 12/2022

This vineyard sits atop a high bench overlooking Dry Creek Valley. It is one of our only vineyards planted solely to zinfandel. This year the vines again set a small crop and ripened quickly. All eight parcels were harvested the first week of September. Seven were selected for their exuberant fruit. This excellent wine will be at its best over the next ten years.

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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: 3 tons per acre

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