

# RIDGE 2020

## LYTTON ESTATE

### PETITE SIRAH

100% PETITE SIRAH SONOMA COUNTY DRY CREEK VALLEY  
14.4% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

#### HISTORY

The oldest petite sirah vines on our Lytton Estate were planted in 1901 and the youngest in 2008. We made our first wine from the property in 1972. In 2002, we began bottling portions of the petite sirah as a separate wine for a limited release, up until then it had always been included in the Lytton Springs Zinfandel. In 2003 we made another limited release and in 2009 our first national release.

**FIRST RIDGE LYTTON ESTATE PETITE SIRAH 2002**

#### 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:** 7 - 10 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 23.5°

#### WINEMAKING

**Fermentation:** Whole berry fermentation. Natural primary and secondary; limited pump-overs to once daily.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (25% new and 75% five-year-old).

**Aging:** Seventeen months in barrel

**pH:** 3.68 **TA:** 6.44 g/L

Hand-harvested; organic, estate-grown grapes; destemmed, whole berry 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; 74 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 Petite Sirah, bottled May 2022**  
*Petite Sirah is most frequently a complementary variety to zinfandel in traditional field blends. At Lytton Estate, since 1992, we have made it as a stand alone wine. Here, in the loamy-clay soils, it thrives, producing compact clusters of very small, concentrated berries. True to the nature of this grape, the 2020 is deeply colored, rustic and capable of aging for at least ten years. JO (4/22)*



#### SITE

**Lytton Estate Vineyard** is located in the hills and bench land separating Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys, just north of Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

**Soils:** Gravelly clay loam

**Vines:** Petite Sirah planted 1901 to 1998 at Lytton East (12 acres) and 1987 to 2008 at Lytton West (20.4 acres). 12 acres of grapes from Lytton West were used for this wine.

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

**Yields:** 3.0 tons per acre.

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