

# RIDGE

# 2022

# THREE VALLEYS

# SONOMA COUNTY

65% ZINFANDEL, 16% CARIGNANE, 14% PETITE SIRAH, 5% MATARO  
14.2% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

## HISTORY

The history of the Ridge Three Valleys began with the release of the 2001. The wine contains grapes from a number of Sonoma vineyards—this year, ten. We take great care in selecting the fruit, which is hand-harvested, then crushed and fermented on its native yeast and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria at both Monte Bello and Lytton Springs wineries. Unlike our single-vineyard wines, which reflect the distinctive character of each site, Three Valleys represents the blending of vineyards—winemaking—at its finest. Zinfandel determines the wine's varietal character; old-vine carignane contributes bright fruit and acidity; petite sirah spice, depth of color, and firm tannins.

FIRST RIDGE THREE VALLEYS: 2001

## GROWING SEASON

**Rainfall:** 12.3 inches (below normal)

**Bloom:** Early May

**Weather:** 2022 was the third year of drought. Thankfully, we received spring rains that helped the vines. These same rains caused shatter in our zinfandel, reducing their crop. Two heat spells pushed the vines to another early harvest.

**Harvest Dates:** 18 August - 21 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 25.3°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Fermentation:** No inoculation; natural primary and secondary.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (10% new, 50% four-year-old, and 40% five-plus-year-old).

**Aging:** Twelve months in barrel

**pH:** 3.69

**TA:** 6.51 g/L

Hand-harvested grapes, destemmed and crushed; fermented on the native yeasts followed by a full malolactic on the natural-occurring bacteria; tartaric acid; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35ppm at crush, 88 ppm over the course of aging); membrane sterile filtered at bottling. In keeping with our philosophy of minimal intervention, this is the sum of our actions.

2022 Three Valleys, bottled Sept 2023

Since its inception, Ridge has specialized in single vineyard wines. Three Valleys is the exception, made by carefully blending selections from multiple vineyards. Mild temperatures throughout the growing season allowed the fruit to mature slowly and develop deep fruit flavors for which Sonoma is known. Enjoyable now, this wine will continue to develop over the next five years.

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## SITE

Sourced primarily from vineyards in Alexander Valley, Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Russian River Valley.

**Soils:** Varied, with a predominance of gravelly loam; gravelly clay loam on hillsides.

**Age of Vines:** Approximately 5% fifty- to one-hundred-years-old, 60% thirty-five to forty-five-years, 35% ten- to thirty-years-old.

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

**Yields:** 2-3.5 tons per acre



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