

# RIDGE 2021 LYTTON ESTATE PETITE SIRAH

100% PETITE SIRAH DRY CREEK VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY  
14.1% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME (organically grown)

## 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:** 14 inches (below normal)

**Bloom:** Early May

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

**Harvest Dates:** 1 - 24 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 23.3°

## WINEMAKING

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

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (15% new, 10% one-year-old, 12% three-year-old, 22% four-year-old and 41% five-plus-year-old).

**Aging:** Sixteen months in barrel

**pH:** 3.77 **TA:** 6.0 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; 86 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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*2021 Petite Sirah, bottled April 2023*  
A dry winter brought only 13" of rain. All eight petite sirah parcels were harvested between September first and September twenty-fourth and fermented separately. Of those, seven were chosen for their depth of color and rich texture. To manage tannin extraction, pump overs were limited to once daily. Built to last, this lovely, powerful wine will age twelve to fifteen years.

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## 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:** 2.0 tons per acre.

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