

RIDGE 2022 LYTTON SPRINGS

67% ZINFANDEL, 19% PETITE SIRAH, 11% CARIGNANE,
3% ALICANTE BOUSCHET (organically grown) DRY CREEK VALLEY
14.4% 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: 20.5 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: 19 August - 12 September

Grapes: Average Brix 24.7°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

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

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (17% new; 3% one-year-old; 10% two-year-old, 10% three-year-old, 60% five-plus-year-old).

Aging: Sixteen months in barrel

pH: 3.63

TA: 6.6 g/L

Hand-harvested, organically grown, estate grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the native yeasts, followed by full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; tartaric acid; oak from barrel aging; water; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 84 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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2022 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2024
An early spring and mild weather contributed to a uniform but moderate set. A May frost reduced yields in some blocks, but as each parcel is on its own timing for bud break, most of the vineyard was spared. The rich fruit, refreshing acidity and firm tannin of this complex wine showcase the balance and quality typical of an exceptional vineyard. Approachable even as a young wine, this classic zinfandel will continue to evolve over the next ten to fifteen years. SR (11/23)



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 tons per acre

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