

# RIDGE 2023 LYTTON SPRINGS

76% ZINFANDEL, 14% PETITE SIRAH, 7% CARIGNANE,  
2% ALICANTE BOUSCHET, 1% MATARO 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:** 64 inches (above average)

**Bloom:** End of June

**Weather:** Late and prolonged harvest due to consistently cool weather throughout the growing season.

**Harvest Dates:** 23 September - 24 October

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.7°

### WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

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

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (19% new; 3% one-year-old; 10% two-year-old, 10% three-year-old, 58% five-plus-year-old).

**Aging:** Sixteen months in barrel

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, 89 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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## 2023 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2025

A cold, rainy winter and a cool summer pushed the growing season back, slowing ripening. Harvest began on September 23 and finished on October 24. The twenty-eight parcels that produced the most typical Lytton Springs were combined and racked to barrel. Fine tannins, moderate ripeness and focused fruit are hallmarks of the vintage. This elegant wine is enjoyable now, and has the structure to evolve over the next ten years. SR (12/24)



### 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:** 3 tons per acre

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