

RIDGE LYTTON ESTATE PETITE SIRAH

100% PETITE SIRAH DRY CREEK VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY
13.8% 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: 64 inches (above average)

Bloom: End of June

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

Harvest Dates: 13 - 20 October

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 (20% new, 5% one-year-old, 12% three-year-old, 22% four-year-old and 41% five-plus-year-old).

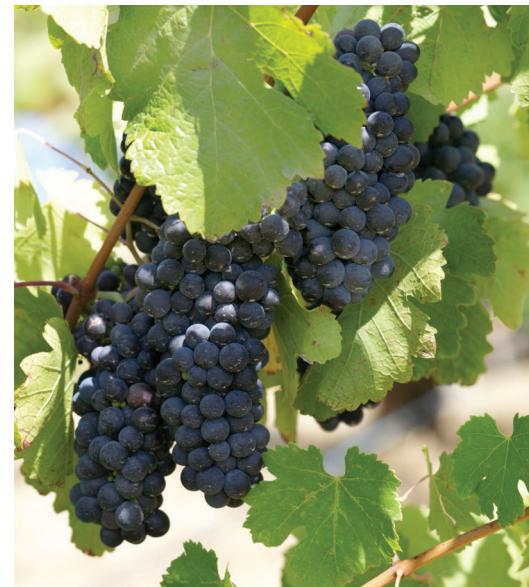
Aging: Sixteen months in barrel

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; 95 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.



2023 Petite Sirah, bottled April 2025
A cold, rainy February pushed back bud break by four weeks. Harvest was equally late, and by October 13th, the hillside blocks of dark, tightly packed clusters were ready to be picked. Seven days later the lower blocks were ready. Small berries contributed to a wine with rich, dark fruit flavors, balanced acidity and firm tannins. This fine wine will develop over the next ten 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: 3.5 tons per acre.

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