

RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS

2024

78% ZINFANDEL, 13% PETITE SIRAH, 6% CARIGNANE,
2% ALICANTE BOUSCHET, 1% GRENACHE (organically grown)
14.5% 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 varietals.

FIRST RIDGE LYTTON SPRINGS 1972

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 45.6 inches (above average)

Bloom: Early May

Weather: Cool start to season, from early June on weather was warm to hot, leading to a condensed harvest.

Harvest Dates: 29 August - 13 September

Grapes: Average Brix 24.8°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

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

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (18% new; 4% 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, 154 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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2024 Lytton Springs, bottled January 2026
A second year of generous rainfall renewed the vines. A brief heat spike in July challenged the carignane and petite sirah, yet zinfandel weathered it without difficulty. Color and tannin extracted easily, reducing maceration time to seven days on average. Twenty-two blocks were selected for their rich texture and balanced structure. Excellent now, this fine wine will soften and develop added complexity over the next decade.

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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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