

# RIDGE 2024

# PAGANI RANCH

# ZINFANDEL

82% ZINFANDEL, 9% ALICANTE BOUSCHET, 5% PETITE SIRAH,  
4% MATARO SONOMA VALLEY 14.9% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

## HISTORY

Since 1991, Ridge has made zinfandel from the Pagani vineyard on the western side of Sonoma Valley. The majority of the vineyard was planted ninety to one hundred twenty years ago; portions of it were replanted between 2013—2018. The vineyard is meticulously tended by a quality-conscious family who has worked the land for four generations. An average site would have been abandoned during the thirteen years of Prohibition, or during the Depression. Its long survival is proof of its merit.

**FIRST RIDGE PAGANI RANCH:** 1991

## VINTAGE

**Rainfall:** 45 inches (above average)

**Bloom:** Mid-May

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

**Harvest Dates:** 11 - 21 October

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.9°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Fermentation:** Grapes destemmed and crushed. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; pumped over a floating cap.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels; 15% new, 5% one-year-old, 5% two-year-old, 50% three-year-old, and 25% neutral oak.

**Aging:** Fourteen months in barrel

Pagani Ranch grapes; hand-harvested; destemmed and crushed; 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, 94 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 Pagani Ranch, bottled February 2026

Ample winter rains and calm spring weather provided excellent conditions for flowering and set. By mid-September, the grapes were ripe, and flavors complex. The young zinfandel was ready first, followed by century-old zinfandel, and finally, the tannic, red-fleshed alicante bouschet. With plentiful fruit and bright acidity, this wine will age beautifully over the next seven to eight years.

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## SITE

**Pagani Ranch Vineyard** is located in Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County.

**Elevation:** 100 - 150'

**Soils:** Gravelly clay loam

**Vines:** Zinfandel, interplanted with minor amounts of petite sirah, carignane and alicante, thirty acres planted from 1896 to 1922. Six acres replanted to zinfandel and petite sirah in 2013.

**Training:** Head trained, (no trellis)

**Yields:** 3.5 tons per acre

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