

# RIDGE 2024

## EAST BENCH

### ZINFANDEL

DRY CREEK VALLEY  
SONOMA COUNTY

100% ZINFANDEL (organically grown)  
14.6% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

#### HISTORY

Ridge has made the East Bench as a single vineyard since 2006, one of the few Ridge zinfandels that is 100% zinfandel. The vineyard sits high atop the bench land that overlooks Dry Creek Valley from the east.

**FIRST RIDGE EAST BENCH:** 2006

#### 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 - 3 September

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.9°

#### WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Fermentation:** Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak barrels (19% new oak, 9% one-year-old, 8% two-year-old, and 66% five-plus-year-old).

**Aging:** Fourteen months in barrel

Hand-harvested; estate-grown organic grapes; destemmed and crushed; fermented on the indigenous yeast, followed by a full malolactic on the naturally occurring bacteria; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective sulfur for this wine (35 ppm at crush, 156 ppm during 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 Zinfandel, East Bench, bottled 12/2025

This twenty-five-year-old zinfandel site set a generous crop. Abundant winter rain, followed by warm, consistent conditions, assisted in rejuvenating the vines. The vineyard's increasing age now confers deep fruit flavors, intense depth and complexity on the wine. An excellent example of both varietal and site, this classic Zinfandel will be at its best over the next seven years.

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#### SITE

East Bench Vineyard is located on the Eastern bench of Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma County

**Soils:** Gravelly clay loam

**Age of Vines:** Planted in 2000

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

**Yields:** 3.8 tons per acre

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