

# RIDGE 2007

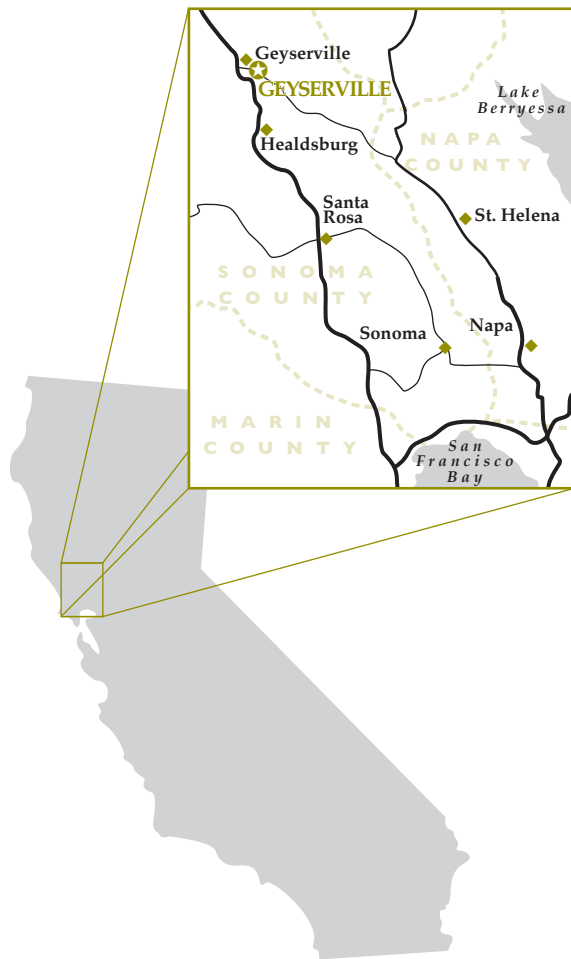
## CALIFORNIA

### GEYSERVILLE®

*2007 Geyserville Vineyard, bottled January 2009*  
Winter quickly came and went, leaving the vines short on rain, but in good shape to begin an early growing season. A mild summer moderated the pace of ripening, allowing color and flavor to intensify. Mid-August heat accelerated maturation, and we harvested at ideal ripeness from late August through September. Parcels and sub-parcels fermented on natural yeasts in fifty small tanks. As we blind-tasted over the ensuing months, Geyserville's unique character seemed clearest in thirty-nine of the lots. The exceptional quality of carignane and petite sirah argued for their full inclusion; percentages are comparable to the superb 1991 vintage. By year's end, the blend was aging in air-dried american oak barrels. Sensuous structure and opulent fruit give this fine wine immediate appeal. Firm tannins and acidity assure its longevity over the next ten to twelve years. *EB (10/08)*

58% ZINFANDEL, 22% CARIIGNANE,  
18% PETITE SIRAH, 2% MATARO

14.4% alcohol by volume



#### History

Ridge has made the Geyserville as a single-site zinfandel in every year since 1966. The grapes are grown in three adjoining vineyards on a defined stretch of gravelly soil approximately one-and-a-quarter miles long and a half-mile wide.

#### Vintage

**Harvest Dates** 23 August - 29 September

**Grapes** Average Brix 24.9°

**Fermentation** Natural primary and secondary; limited use of submerged cap, limited pump-overs. Pressed at ten days.

**Aging** 100% air-dried american oak barrels (12% new, 29% one and two years, 59% three to five years old)

**Time in Barrel** Twelve months

#### Vineyard

##### First RIDGE

**Geyserville** 1966

**Location** Western edge of Alexander Valley, Sonoma County.

**Soils** Gravelly loam

**Age of Vines** Youngest 10 years; oldest over 120 years; sixty percent 40 years or older.

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

**Yields** One to three tons per acre

#### Growing Season

**Rainfall** Just below average at 35 inches, with a dry spring.

**Bloom** Mid-May, that then set a crop of average size.

**Weather** Dry spring and typical warm, dry summer, with no sustained heat spells.