



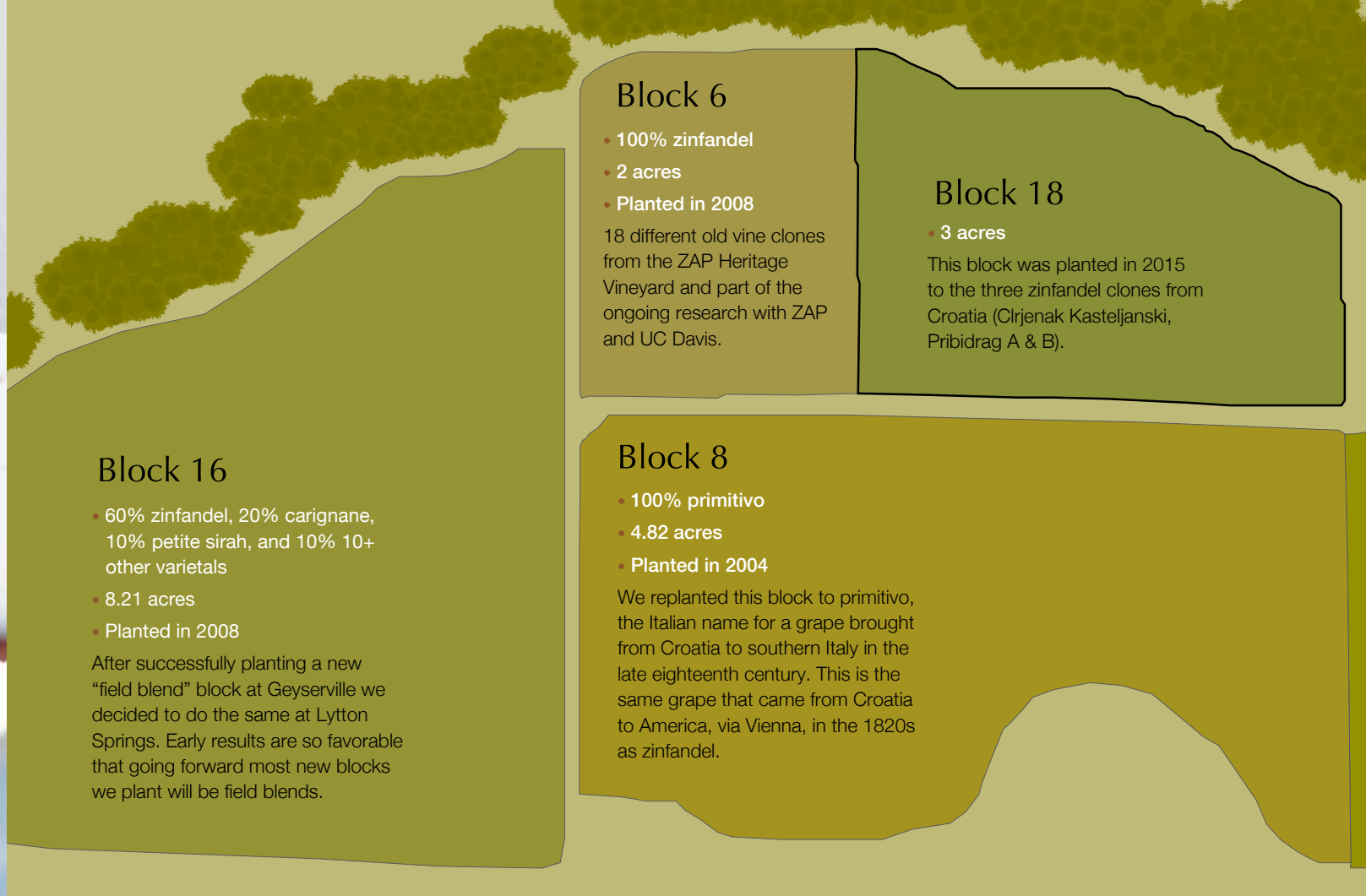
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Wine	Retail Price	Member Price 1-11 btls	Case Price 12+ btls
2012 Lytton Estate Grenache	No Reorders Available		
2009 Dynamite Hill Petite Sirah	No Reorders Available		
2012 Kite Hill Zinfandel	\$30.00	\$27.00	\$25.50

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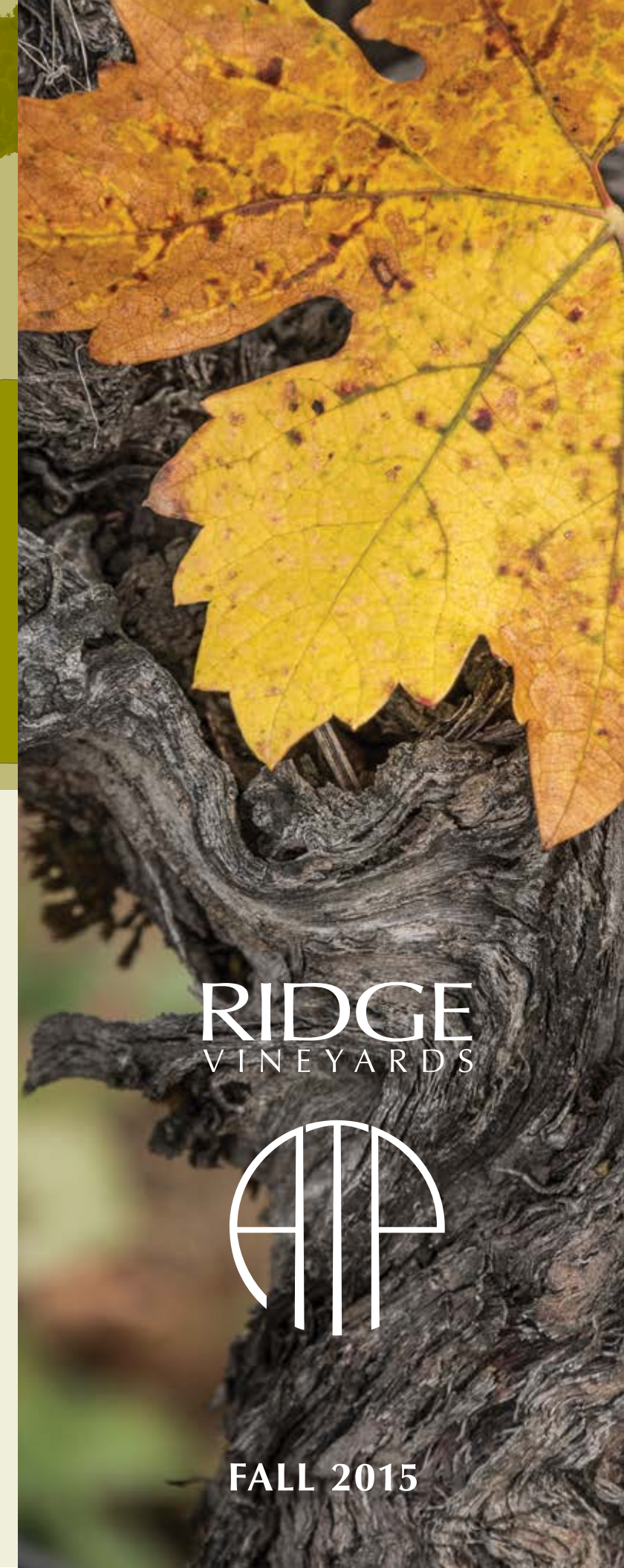


## PRIBIDRAG & CRLJENAK PLANTED AT LYTTON WEST

Following several exhaustive years of research through the late 1990s and early 2000s, it was determined that zinfandel is originally from the Dalmation Coast of Croatia. When a single, young vine was identified as genetically identical to zinfandel, the local growers made up a name for it, crljenak kasteljanski, reflecting the name of their region along the coast. Shortly after, the two leading researchers found a pair of large, older vines shading the dirt floor of a simple outdoor café on the cliffs overlooking the coast. The locals knew the vines well by the name Pribidrag, a varietal which in the past had been widely planted in their region.

Ridge was intimately involved in that discovery process, and in 2005 David Gates began working to bring cuttings of the two pribidrag vines, and the one crljenak to the United States. Our goal was to plant them side by side with our American zinfandel selections, and an Italian primitivo clone, to see how each selection behaved on the same site. Through Foundation Plant Services at UC Davis, we were able to import these cuttings and have them undergo a lengthy virus elimination process. That process has taken ten years, which concluded this summer with the planting of these vines in block 18 on the western portion of our Lytton Springs vineyard. This is the first known commercial planting of these Croatian selections in the United States.

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**FALL 2015**

**RIDGE 2012  
LYTTON ESTATE  
GRENACHE**

78% GRENACHE, 11% ZINFANDEL, 6% PETITE SIRAH,  
5% SYRAH

37 BARRELS PRODUCED

**Winemaker's Notes:** Excellent yields gave us a grenache this year. The grapes were destemmed, but not crushed, for greater control of tannin extraction. A portion of the rich, complex press wine was included. We selected two old field-blend parcels, a small amount of sirah, and a nineteen-year-old grenache parcel for this wine. Enjoyable now, its appealing fruit and elegant tannins will continue to evolve over the next six to seven years. EB (1/14)

**RIDGE 2009  
DYNAMITE HILL  
PETITE SIRAH**

94% PETITE SIRAH, 6% ZINFANDEL  
39 BARRELS PRODUCED

**Winemaker's Notes:** For forty years, Ridge has produced a petite sirah from this Napa hillside vineyard. Today, the wine comes primarily from the oldest vines on Dynamite Hill. A cool spring delayed the growing season, but warm weather throughout August and September ripened the grapes, which were hand-picked in one day. To enhance fruit flavors and balance tannins, they were de-stemmed, but left as whole berries. We pressed after a natural-yeast fermentation lasting nine days, and racked the wine to air-dried american oak barrels. In tastings, we chose to include petite sirah from Burger and Sonoma blocks, as well as zinfandel from Track, for elegance. This rich, intense petite sirah has the earthy black fruit and peppery spice typical of the vineyard. It will age well for the next ten to twelve years. JO (12/10)

**RIDGE 2012  
KITE HILL  
ZINFANDEL**

86% ZINFANDEL, 14% PETITE SIRAH  
50 BARRELS PRODUCED

**Winemaker's Notes:** Of the zinfandel parcels on this rugged hillside vineyard high above Napa Valley, Kite Hill is one of the steepest and most exposed. Budbreak was early; after a warm, dry summer, we harvested on September 27. Following fermentation, petite sirah from a neighboring block was added for depth. To integrate the wine's intense fruit and firm tannins required fourteen months of barrel aging. Dark, rich, and full-bodied, this mountain-grown zinfandel will be at its best over the next five or six years. JO (1/14)

**Lytton Estate Grenache**

Ridge became involved with grenache quite by accident when, in 1972, we first harvested the vines on the eastern hills of Lytton Springs. Though we didn't know it then, one of the hills—planted in 1902—had a high percentage of grenache, interplanted with small amounts of zinfandel and petite sirah. We purchased the eastern vineyards in 1991, and identified the varietal percentages in each parcel; in 1992, those old mixed vines produced our first Grenache/Zinfandel. Ridge bought Lytton Springs' western vineyards in 1995, acquiring a mixed grenache block planted in 1963 and a grenache-only block planted in 1991.

**Dynamite Hill Petite Sirah**

In 1968, Fritz Maytag purchased the Herbert Hummel ranch on Spring Mountain, west of St. Helena in Napa Valley. This beautiful property rises from 1250' to over 2000', and its climate is cooler than that of the valley below. Most of the land is forested and wild — the watershed of its namesake, York Creek. There are several petite sirah blocks on the ranch. Planted in the early years of the last century, the Devil's Hill vines were the oldest. In 1971, Ridge used their fruit to make its first York Creek Petite Sirah. By 1980 Ridge was also taking the grapes from Dynamite Hill planted in 1973 on old Devil's Hill cuttings. Dynamite Hill, now forty-one years old, dominates our York Creek petite sirah bottlings.

**Kite Hill Zinfandel**

Kite Hill vines at York Creek, are situated high on Spring Mountain, overlooking St. Helena and the Napa Valley from the west. Ridge came here in 1971 for the old-vine petite sirah and made it's first zinfandel from the vineyard in 1975. We first harvested Kite Hill in 1993, and have included it in our York Creek zinfandel in every vintage since. This is the first time it has been bottled as a separate wine.

