

RIDGE 2022 LYTTON ESTATE PETITE SIRAH

100% PETITE SIRAH DRY CREEK VALLEY SONOMA COUNTY
14.0% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME (organically grown)

HISTORY

The oldest petite sirah vines on our Lytton Estate were planted in 1901 and the youngest in 2008. We made our first wine from the property in 1972. In 2002, we began bottling portions of the petite sirah as a separate wine for a limited release, up until then it had always been included in the Lytton Springs Zinfandel. In 2003 we made another limited release and in 2009 our first national release.

FIRST RIDGE LYTTON ESTATE PETITE SIRAH 2002

VINTAGE

Rainfall: 20.5 inches (below normal)

Bloom: Early May

Weather: 2022 was the third year of drought. Thankfully, we received spring rains that helped the vines. These same rains caused shatter in our zinfandel, reducing their crop. Two heat spells pushed the vines to another early harvest.

Harvest Dates: 7 - 12 September

Grapes: Average Brix 23.3°

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Whole berry fermentation. Natural primary and secondary; limited pump-overs to once daily.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels (20% new, 5% one-year-old, 12% three-year-old, 22% four-year-old and 41% five-plus-year-old).

Aging: Sixteen months in barrel

pH: 3.76 **TA:** 6.5 g/L

Hand-harvested; organic, estate-grown grapes; destemmed, whole berry 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; 86 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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2022 Petite Sirah, bottled April 2024

Mild summer weather evenly ripened the petite sirah at Lytton West. By September seventh, the hillside blocks of dark, tightly packed clusters had accumulated enough sugar to begin picking. Five days later, the parcels at the lowest elevation were ready as well. Five of the blocks were chosen for their deep color, rich texture and complexity. This exemplary wine will continue to develop over the next ten years. SR (3/24)



SITE

Lytton Estate Vineyard is located in the hills and bench land separating Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys, just north of Healdsburg, Sonoma County.

Soils: Gravelly clay loam

Vines: Petite Sirah planted 1901 to 1998 at Lytton East (12 acres) and 1987 to 2008 at Lytton West (20.4 acres). 12 acres of grapes from Lytton West were used for this wine.

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

Yields: 3.0 tons per acre.

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