

# RIDGE 2023 GEYSERVILLE

70% ZINFANDEL, 18% CARIGNANE, 9% PETITE SIRAH,  
3% ALICANTE BOUSCHET ALEXANDER VALLEY  
14.6% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

## HISTORY

First produced in 1966, this is our longest continuous zinfandel production. The grapes are grown in three adjoining vineyards on a single soil type, deposited by an ancient washout of the Russian River that carried river stone and gravel. It is approximately one-and-a-quarter miles long and a half-mile wide.

## FIRST RIDGE GEYSERVILLE 1966

**Rainfall:** 64 inches (above average)

**Bloom:** End of June

**Weather:** Late and prolonged harvest due to consistently cool weather throughout the growing season.

**Harvest Dates:** 7 - 24 October

**Grapes:** Average Brix 24.8°

## WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

**Fermentation:** Full Crush, 100% floating cap. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; daily pump-overs.

**Barrels:** 100% air-dried American oak; 15% new, 10% one-year-old, 10% two-year-old, 30% three-year-old, and 35% four-year-old oak).

**Aging:** Sixteen months in barrel

Hand-harvested grapes; 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, 70 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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## 2023 Geyserville, bottled February 2025

Heavy winter rains replenished groundwater. Moderate temperatures during the growing season were followed by cooler weather in August and September that pushed harvest late into October. The extended ripening period resulted in a wine with dark fruit and supple tannins balanced by beautiful acidity. Enjoyable now, this classic field blend will continue to evolve over the next ten years. JO (12/24)



## SITE

Geyserville Vineyard is located on the Western edge of Alexander Valley, Sonoma County

**Soils:** Gravelly loam

**Age of Vines:** Youngest 15 years; oldest over 125 years; sixty percent 50 years or older.

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

**Yields:** 3 tons per acre

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