

RIDGE 2023 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

79% ZINFANDEL, 10% ALICANTE BOUSCHET, 9% PETITE SIRAH,
2% MATARO SONOMA VALLEY 14.4% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

HISTORY

Since 1991, Ridge has made zinfandel from the Pagani vineyard on the western side of Sonoma Valley. The majority of the vineyard was planted ninety to one hundred twenty years ago; portions of it were replanted between 2013—2018. The vineyard is meticulously tended by a quality-conscious family who has worked the land for four generations. An average site would have been abandoned during the thirteen years of Prohibition, or during the Depression. Its long survival is proof of its merit.

FIRST RIDGE PAGANI RANCH: 1991

VINTAGE

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: 11 - 21 October

Grapes: Average Brix 24.9°

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Fermentation: Grapes destemmed and crushed. Natural primary and natural secondary (malolactic) fermentations; pumped over a floating cap.

Barrels: 100% air-dried American oak barrels; 3% new, 10% one-year-old, 20% two-year-old, 50% three-year-old, and 17% neutral oak.

Aging: Fourteen months in barrel

Pagani Ranch grapes; hand-harvested; 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, 94 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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VINEYARDS

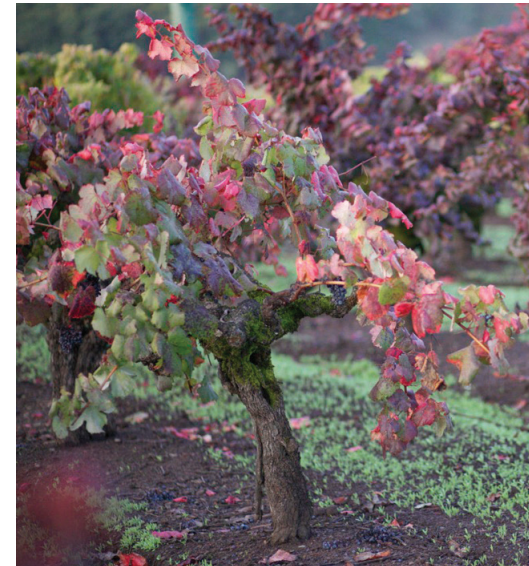
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2023 Pagani Ranch, bottled February 2025

A late winter and cool spring set back the growing season, pushing bloom into June. The nineteenth-century zinfandel vines ripened by early October; the younger vines ten days later. The tannic petite sirah, red-fleshed alicante and savory mataro add an intriguing hint of rusticity. This elegant Pagani exemplifies the complexity that can be drawn from an old field blend. This complex wine will age beautifully over the next seven to eight years. SR (1/25)



SITE

Pagani Ranch Vineyard is located in Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County.

Elevation: 100 - 150'

Soils: Gravelly clay loam

Vines: Zinfandel, interplanted with minor amounts of petite sirah, carignane and alicante, thirty acres planted from 1896 to 1922. Six acres replanted to zinfandel and petite sirah in 2013.

Training: Head trained, (no trellis)

Yields: 3.5 tons per acre

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