

RIDGE 2021 PAGANI RANCH ZINFANDEL

90% ZINFANDEL, 5% PETITE SIRAH, 5% ALICANTE BOUSCHET
SONOMA VALLEY 14.6% 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: 14" (below average)

Bloom: Early May

Weather: A dry winter and spring stressed the vines, limiting yields and concentrating flavors.

WINEMAKING & TECHNICAL DATA

Harvest Dates: 7 - 16 October

Grapes: Average Brix 24.9°

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

pH: 3.42

TA: 6.27 g/L

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, 66.5 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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2021 Pagani Ranch, bottled February 2023
Given the cool microclimate of Sonoma Valley, Pagani Ranch often sits under fog into the early afternoon. Harvested between October 7th and 16th, the young zinfandel was ready first, followed by the old vine zinfandel, petite sirah and alicante bouschet. Typical of the appellation, bright acidity and plentiful fruit are benchmarks of this exuberant wine. This excellent zinfandel will be best over the next eight years. SR (12/22)



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: 3.2 tons per acre

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