

Ridge Vineyards `East Bench` Zinfandel Organic 2020



Region

Sonoma County, California, is one of the most important winegrowing regions in the whole of the United States. Vines have been planted here since the 1850s and, apart from the inevitable hiatus brought about by Prohibition, the county's relationship with wine has been prolific and unbroken. Sonoma Valley is located in the county's southeastern corner, and effectively mirrors the shape and orientation of Napa Valley just across the Mayacamas Mountains. It encompasses Bennett Valley, Sonoma Mountain and the western half of Carneros – arguably California's finest "cool-climate" terroir. The Sonoma Valley climate is famously blessed with cooling fog, which rolls in from San Pablo Bay in the summer months. When combined with cooling ocean breezes, this means that Sonoma Valley is sufficiently cool yet sufficiently sunny to create wines which are elegant, bright and intensely flavoured.

Producer

The Ridge Vineyards began in 1885 when Dr Perrone bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello Ridge. He terraced the slopes and planted vineyards, as well as constructing the winery out of native limestone. Ridge Vineyards is one of the most prestigious wineries in California and is famous for the 1976 judgement of Paris where a panel of European experts judged the Ridge Monte Bello to be superior to some of Bordeaux's finest wines.

Tasting Notes

This voluptuous organically grown Zinfandel is from The Dry Creek Valley AVA, an American Viticultural Area in Sonoma County, located northwest of the town of Healdsburg. It is immediately appealing with concentrated spicy plum, fig and cinnamon notes on the nose. The palate is soft and full bodied with supple tannins and rounded structure. Vanilla, cocoa and exotic spices emanate from ageing in American oak barrels.

Food

Ideal with pasta, spicy cuisine, pepper steak, roast meats and strong cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	United States
Region	Sonoma County
Grape(s)	Zinfandel (100%)
Type	Red
Style	Complex
Oaked Style	Oaked
Body Style	Full bodied
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable

Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable	
Alcohol Content	14.5%	
Closure Style	Cork	
Organic/Biodynamic	Organic certified	
Allergens	Milk:	No
	Egg:	No
	Vegetarian:	No
Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegan:	No



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