



TASTING PACK WINE #111

TASTING NOTES BY: MASTER SOMMELIER JOSH NADEL

Purple Ruby Core, Purple Pink Rim. Medium + Concentration of color. Medium staining of tears. High Intensity of ripe red fruits, hints of jammy red and blacks. Oak notes of brown spice and cedar, coconut. Very little presence of the earth- this wine is more about the sun and ripeness, but retains zippy acidity which makes it great for food pairing.

TASTING NOTES BY: ADVANCED SOMMELIER WINN ROBERTON

Lots of purple/magenta colors with slight opacity. Overripe/Jammed fruits in the black/blueberry camp and some reds hanging on the outskirts. Don't miss the apricot/peach/orange peel note that is keeping a tart edge to the wine. Black pepper, grilled meat, potting soil and bay leaf. American oak notes present here that you can distinguish from the notes of - dill, vanilla extract, sawdust, tobacco smoke, coconut and nutmeg.

Sweetness:	Dry
Tannin:	Medium
Alcohol:	High
Acid:	Medium
Oak:	Present

So...
WHAT
IS IT?

old world
or new?

climate?

grape?

country?

place



WINE DETAILS:

Winery: Ridge
Cuvee: Ponzo
Grape: 97% Zinfandel, 3% Petit Syrah
Country: U.S.A.
Regions: Sonoma County
Vintage: 2015
Alcohol 14.9%

Elevage: 12 months in barrel with 100% air-dried American oak barrels: 20% new, 40% two yrs old and 40% 3-4 yrs old.

Other: The first Zinfandel Ridge produced was in 1964. The winery prides itself in a hands off approach. Ridge is quintessential. Sourcing from some of the oldest vineyards in California and making them in a traditional style, which includes field blends! The Ponzo bottling is usually as close to 100% Zin as any other from Ridge (98 in 2017).

NOTES :

Zinfandel is fun. When made well it has the makings of a big rich wine with a core of solid acidity. Due to the combination of red, black and blue ripe and jammy fruit, the high alcohol with medium acidity and tannin, the slight pepper spice note, but dominance of fruit, this wine is distinct from all other possibilities (Aussie Grenache or Shiraz, and California Pinot Noir). Zinfandel is often confused with Australian Shiraz (more spice notes, higher tannin, dark fruit dominant), Australian Grenache (Red fruit dominant, with higher intensity of spice, and moderately higher acid), and new world Pinot Noir (lighter in body, higher in acid, red fruit dominant).

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