

RIDGE 2007
CALIFORNIA
MONTE BELLO®

**MONTE BELLO VINEYARD: 79% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
10% MERLOT, 9% PETIT VERDOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.1% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME**
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015

**Total vineyard production:
213 tons from 103 acres
41% selected for this wine**

2007 Monte Bello, bottled April 2009

A mild February brought early budbreak, and ideal conditions through spring allowed the vines to set a full crop. In late September, however, cold weather halted ripening. October was wet and wintry; then, on the twenty-third, temperatures soared into the high eighties. The grapes rebounded quickly, developing incredible intensity. When tannins did not extract readily, we shifted from whole-berry to full crush, putting the seeds in contact with the juice. For the first time in years, we continued twice-daily pump-overs until press, at seven to ten days. Most lots finished uninoculated malolactic by year's end. In late January, we blind-tasted thirty-six lots, choosing seventeen for the first assemblage. In May, six more were included. Despite the unusual weather, this is classic Monte Bello—dark fruit, firm tannins, and lively acidity. It will benefit from a decade of bottle age, and continue to mature for another twenty years. EB (2/09)

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DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH
DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR
OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS. CONTAINS SULFITES**
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