

RIDGE 2012
**CABERNET
SAUVIGNON
ESTATE**

MONTE BELLO VINEYARD
76% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 24% MERLOT
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014

Monte Bello Vineyard
Yields, Estate Cabernet Parcels:
62.6 tons from 42 acres

2012 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, bottled 8/14

A warm, dry, growing season began a month early, and fine weather continued through summer for an early October harvest. Rapid extraction prompted us to shorten fermentation times and frequency of pump-overs. Once natural malolactics finished in barrel, we chose lots with great fruit definition and elegant structure for the assemblage, and returned the wine to barrel for continued aging. In late fall, a complex press lot was included, providing additional depth and richness. Nineteen months in barrel has softened tannins and clarified the wine. Sensuous and enjoyable now, it will continue to develop over the next twelve to fifteen years. EB (5/14)

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; 2.5% water addition; calcium carbonate; egg whites; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO₂. PD (5/14)

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GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT 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.

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