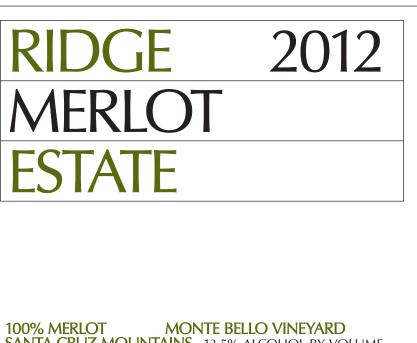




2012 Estate Merlot, bottled August 2014 Though winter's abrupt end left the vines short on rain, near-perfect summer weather ripened the grapes for a mid-October harvest. During primary fermentation, color and tannin developed fully. After pressing, each lot started natural malolactic in tank; a guarter of the way through, we racked to new barrels. After seventeen weeks on their lees, the wines were blind-tasted for assemblage. All showed beautifully, and were combined. Twenty-one months in barrel has softened the tannins. This delicious wine will be most enjoyable over the next six to eight years. EB (5/14) Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably

grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; 0.9% water addition; calcium carbonate; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO₂. PD (5/14) 408.867.3233 750 mL www.ridgewine.com



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