



81 Cabernet, Monte Bello Vineyards, bottled Oct 1983

This fine vintage was smaller in quantity than the 1980 and produced elegant varietal character. Given the claret style of the wine, we aged part in new french oak, and the rest in our traditional air-dried american oak. Virtually all of our small estate vineyards at Monte Bello were included, and their distinct qualities, along with that of our Merlot, contribute complexity. This excellent wine should begin to open up in two or three years but will need at least eight years to develop fully. PD (9/83)

Begun in 1959, Ridge was one of the first of today's chateau-size California wineries, that is, those that attempt only the highest quality at the quantity levels of the classified chateaux (up to 40,000 cases). All the wines are aged in small oak cooperage with the majority receiving no cellar treatment other than racking. Located above 2300 feet on Monte Bello Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains, our winery and main vineyards overlook San Francisco Bay. For information on ordering wines or visiting us for tasting, please send a note or call (408) 867-3233. DRB (1/80)

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750ML

RIDGE 1981

CALIFORNIA

CABERNET

SAUVIGNON

MONTE BELLO

GRAPES, 92% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 8% MERLOT
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS ALCOHOL 12.0% BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO RD, BOX AI, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA