

45% Selection

85 Cabernet, Monte Bello Vineyard, bottled May 1987

The ten distinct blocks of the Monte Bello vineyard are made separately. After secondary fermentation, we begin a series of blind tastings to determine which are of the quality and character we require for our estate wine. In 1985, 45% of the production was not included in the Monte Bello. (These softer wines will be released as Santa Cruz Mountains Cabernet.) In this rich, complex Monte Bello the tannins are firm but round. By achieving balance without affecting the underlying structure, we have made a twenty-five-year wine of superb quality. PD (4/87)

Founded in 1959, Ridge was one of the first of today's small, fine California wineries—limiting production to achieve the highest quality. From the beginning, close adherence to traditional winemaking techniques has set Ridge apart. This approach determines our style and includes the use of natural yeasts in extended, submerged-cap fermentations, aging in small oak cooperage, and careful racking at every transfer to achieve clarity. Located above 2300 feet on Monte Bello Ridge in the Santa Cruz Mountains, our winery overlooks San Francisco Bay. For information on ordering wines or visiting, please send a note or call (408) 867-3233.

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750ML

RIDGE 1985

CALIFORNIA

CABERNET

SAUVIGNON

MONTE BELLO

GRAPES: 93% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 7% MERLOT
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS ALCOHOL 13.1% BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO RD, BOX AI, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA