

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. 7



Monte Bello Vineyard
Yields, Estate Merlot Parcels:
25½ tons from 12½ acres

2011 Estate Merlot, bottled August 2013

A long winter and harsh weather during bloom cut merlot yields. Through an unusually cool summer, our mountain vineyards were in full sun. Early October rains set the vines back, but three weeks of warm weather allowed the grapes to ripen fully. Whole berries fermented on natural yeasts; natural malolactics started in tank and finished four months later in barrel. In blind tastings, four of eight parcels were selected for this year's Estate bottling. This sensuous wine will be most enjoyable over the next six to eight years. EB (6/13)

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; calcium carbonate; oak from barrels; minimum effective SO₂.

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RIDGE 2011
MERLOT
ESTATE

100% MERLOT **MONTE BELLO VINEYARD**
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 12.9% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014