

RIDGE 2012  
CHARDONNAY  
ESTATE

100% CHARDONNAY MONTE BELLO VINEYARD  
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 14.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME  
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS BW 4488  
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014

2012 Estate Chardonnay, bottled Oct 2013

A mild winter, early bud-break, and early-April bloom gave us an unusually large crop, which we thinned rigorously; warm summer weather pushed ripening for a September harvest. Whole-cluster pressed, the lots fermented in barrel, and were stirred every two weeks from January to April during natural malolactics. The wine was racked off its gross lees in June, tasted, and assembled. Ripe fruit is balanced by naturally high acidity in this appealing wine. It will be at its best over the next five to eight years. EB (8/13)

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; minimum effective SO<sub>2</sub>.

408.867.3233 750 mL [www.ridgevine.com](http://www.ridgevine.com)

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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