RIDGE Vineyards

RIDGE Spring 2015 Wholesale Virtual Tasting Winemaker Notes & Tasting Order

Ridge 2013 Chardonnay Estate - 14.7% ABV (2,318 cs. produced)

100% chardonnay

Translucent gold. Green apple, pear, pineapple, honeysuckle, wet stone. Citrus fruit on entry, lemon zest, lively acid, elegant texture; lingering crushed-rock mineral finish. –Eric Baugher (1/15)

Ridge 2013 Paso Robles Zinfandel - 14.8% ABV (3,801 cs. produced)

100% zinfandel

Medium ruby. Scented cherries, pomegranate, rhubarb, pepper spice. Cherry jam on entry, lively acid, fruit-covered tannins, sweet oak finish. –EB (1/15)

Ridge 2013 East Bench Zinfandel - 14.9% ABV (5,784 cs. produced)

100% zinfandel

Ripe jammy raspberry fruit with pepper, eucalyptus and sweet toasted oak. Rich brambly fruit on the palate, sensuous texture and a long layered finish.. –John Olney (2/15)

Ridge 2013 Geyserville - 14.7% ABV (10,655 cs. produced)

73% zinfandel, 17% carignane, 9% petite sirah, 1% mataro (mourvedre) Saturated ruby/purple hue. Black cherry, plum, toasted oak, gravelly-rock mineral. Full-bodied, deep flavors of bramble, blackberries; fresh mint; chalky tannins. Sensuous, layered flavors persist in a long finish. –EB (1/15)

Ridge 2012 Merlot Estate - 13.5% ABV (1,438 cs. produced)

100% merlot

Deep purple/ruby color. Ripe blackberry fruit, cola, exotic spice, eucalyptus. Elegant entry; full body, with black currant fruit, dried herbs, firm acid; red fruit and sweet oak in a lingering finish. –EB (1/15)

Ridge 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate - 13.5% ABV (3,291 cs. produced)

76% cabernet sauvignon, 24% merlot

Purple/saturated ruby. Pungent cassis and blackberry fruits, fennel, cola, toasted oak, clove and cardamom spice. Full bodied, with structured tannins and lively acid; blackberry fruit, fennel, sweet toasty oak, crushed-rock mineral; a long, intense finish. –EB (1/15)