

91 Monte Bello, bottled March 93

Welcome rains set back the growing season by several weeks, but replenished the water in our soils. The crop was abundant, and a long, warm October fully ripened all the fruit. We made a rigorous fifty percent selection, producing a complex, elegant wine with deep color and round tannins. Though approachable now, five years of bottle age will integrate the fruit and oak; another ten to fifteen will bring full maturity. PD (3/93)

100 years ago, in 1892, the newly completed Monte Bello Winery produced its first vintage from this distinctive mountain site. Thirty years ago, in 1962, Ridge made its first Monte Bello from the same ground. This is one of those rare vineyards where time has proven climate, soil, and varietal are perfectly matched. So that the site's unique character will define the wine, we continue to use the minimal handling of traditional winemaking. The world's great wines have always been determined by the vineyard—by nature, not by man.

RIDGE 1991

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MONTE BELLO®

85% CABERNET, 10% MERLOT, 5% PETIT VERDOT
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS ALCOHOL 13.1% BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015