

RIDGE 1992

CALIFORNIA

MONTE BELLO®

**Vineyard Production:**

**100 tons from 50 acres**

**Selection: 40%**

**92 Monte Bello, bottled April 94**

After late spring rains, mild weather allowed the vines to set a full crop. For concentration, we dropped a third of the clusters. A perfect summer and warm October gave us mature fruit and firm acidity. At assemblage, forty percent of the wine made from the twenty distinct vineyard blocks was held out as less intense. In a decade of exceptional vintages, this may be one of the very finest. Despite substantial tannin, the wine is supple, balanced, and accessible. It will continue to evolve in depth and complexity over the next twenty years. PD (3/94)

In 1892, the newly completed Monte Bello Winery produced its first vintage from this distinctive mountain site. 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 to be perfectly matched. So that the site's unique character will define the wine, we use the minimal handling typical of traditional winemaking. The world's great wines have always been determined by the vineyard—by nature, not by man.

® REGISTERED TRADEMARK

**80% CABERNET, 11% MERLOT, 9% PETIT VERDOT**  
**SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS**

ALCOHOL 13.4% BY VOLUME  
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS BW 4488  
17100 MONTE BELLO RD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

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. CONTAINS SULFITES