

RIDGE 1993
CALIFORNIA
MONTE BELLO®

86% CABERNET, 7% MERLOT, 7% PETIT VERDOT
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS ALCOHOL 12.9% BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO RD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

Vineyard Production:
103 tons from 50 acres
Selection: 60%

93 Monte Bello, bottled May 95

Benign spring rains delayed the start of the growing season; at set, we dropped a quarter of the crop, giving the remaining grapes their best chance to mature by harvest. Cool nights contributed exceptionally firm acidity, and very welcome warm days in mid-October fully ripened the flavors in the fruit. We harvested from October 18th to the 27th—only one week later than usual. In a particularly rigorous selection, sixty percent was held out at assemblage. This beautifully-structured wine has the intense fruit and long, elegant finish of a classic Monte Bello. PD (3/95)

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

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