

RIDGE 1995

CALIFORNIA

MONTE BELLO®

Vineyard Production:
83 tons from 62 acres
Selection: 25%

95 Monte Bello Vineyard, bottled May 97

In the Santa Cruz Mountains, welcome spring rains delayed the start of our growing season. We thinned the already moderate crop, and warm October weather brought the fruit to ideal ripeness. Fifteen of the twenty-five parcels were chosen in February as most intense and most typical of the vineyard's character. They were assembled in three stages over the following months. Tannins are the biggest to date in the nineties, yet the fullness and complexity of the wine render them supple. Aged almost entirely in new, air-dried american oak, this is classic Monte Bello. Though approachable now, the great '95 vintage will develop fully over the next fifteen to twenty years. PD (3/97)

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

69% CABERNET, 18% MERLOT, 10% PETIT VERDOT, 3% FRANC
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS ALCOHOL 12.5% BY VOLUME
PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS, INC. BW 4488
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, P.O. BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 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