

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.
® REGISTERED TRADEMARK

CONTAINS SULFITES

Total vineyard production:
107 tons from 108 acres
49% selected for this wine

2005 Monte Bello Estate Vineyard, bottled May 2007

Our estate vineyards high on Monte Bello Ridge are exposed to the Pacific Ocean, fifteen miles to the west. This gives us a climate as cool as Bordeaux, but also subjects us to the ocean's vicissitudes. In 2005, late rains and cold winds cut yields to a ton an acre, the lowest in ten years. Warm summer days and atypically warm nights brought ripening back on schedule, and a warm October fully ripened each of the thirty-six parcels between October 4 and November 1. Clusters and berries were small, color and tannin abundant. Pressed at eight days on average, forty percent of the wine went through natural malolactic in barrel, the rest in small fermentors. Assemblage began in February. After several weeks of blind tasting, we made a barrel each of three different blends. By March, it was easier to determine the finest. Petit verdot and cabernet franc were added immediately, another merlot and three cabernets in May, some rich first-press wine in December. Seventeen months in new air-dried american oak—from both french and american coopers—has contributed spice and texture. This is a superb vintage. Beautifully balanced, it will continue to develop over the next several decades.

EB/PD (3/07)

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RIDGE 2005 CALIFORNIA MONTE BELLO®

**MONTE BELLO VINEYARD: 70% CABERNET SAUVIGNON,
22% MERLOT, 6% PETIT VERDOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.4% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME**
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015