

RIDGE 2008

SANTA CRUZ

MOUNTAINS ESTATE

CHARDONNAY

100% CHARDONNAY MONTE BELLO ESTATE VINEYARD  
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 14.4% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME  
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS  
18100 MONTE BELLO RD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95015

**2008 Chardonnay, bottled January 2010**

An unusually warm February prompted an early start to the growing season. Set finished by late April, but yielded less fruit than usual; a mild summer ripened the grapes for an early-September harvest. The whole clusters went directly to our gentle membrane press. Natural primary and secondary fermentations took place in barrel. All lots spent ten months on their lees, and were stirred weekly during malolactic for added richness. Assemblage combined the most elegant and fruit-forward wines for this superb chardonnay. A portion was returned to barrel for continued aging and settling; the rest remained in tank, to balance freshness and complexity. The two were racked off the lees and reassembled for unfiltered bottling. The wine's abundant fruit and refreshing acidity will be most enjoyable over the next five to six years. EB (11/09)

750 mL  
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**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.

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