

Monte Bello Vineyard Yields, Estate Cabernet Parcels: 59 tons from 39 acres

2010 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, bottled 8/12 A cold, wet winter set back bud-break and bloom by a month, and an unusually cool

bloom by a month, and an unusually cool summer followed, slowing growth. In an effort to ensure full ripeness, we thinned the crop substantially. Harvest extended through October, finishing in early November. Cold nights chilled the fruit, delaying the start of natural fermentation until the fourth day. Each lot began malolactic spontaneously in tank, and finished in barrel a month later. The twenty-four parcels designated for the Estate Cabernet were blind-tasted in March, and twenty-two were selected for assemblage. This sensuous wine is enjoyable now, and will develop fully over the next decade. EB (6/12)

Limestone sub-soils, cool climate, low yields, and natural fermentations have produced fifty vintages of exceptionally fine wines. Great wines have always been determined by their site—by nature, not by man. PD (2011)

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MONTE BELLO VINEYARD 80% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 17% MERLOT, 2% PETIT VERDOT, 1% CABERNET FRANC SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.0% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS 18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014