

RIDGE 2010
CHARDONNAY
ESTATE

MONTE BELLO ESTATE VINEYARD 100% CHARDONNAY
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 14.2% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS BW 4488
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, P. O. BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015

2010 Estate Chardonnay, bottled Feb 2012

A prolonged winter stalled the start of the growing season by a month. Cool summer weather delayed ripening, but by October produced fruit of great intensity. Each vineyard parcel was picked separately, whole-cluster pressed, and the juice racked to barrel for native-yeast fermentation. The wines remained on their lees for eleven months as the natural secondary slowly finished. In late-summer tastings, we selected the most accessible lots for this fine Estate Chardonnay. Rich mountain fruit is matched by firm acidity. Elegant and fresh, this wine will be most enjoyable over the next five or six years. EB (11/11)

Distinctive vineyards, moderate yields, minimal intervention, and extraordinary care produce the finest wines, their character determined by the site, not the winemaker. PD (1/12)

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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.

