

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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**Monte Bello Vineyard
Yields, Estate Merlot Parcels:
22 tons from 9½ acres**

2013 Estate Merlot, bottled August 2015

A dry, warm winter prompted unusually early budbreak; the small crop alleviated some water stress on the vines. Destemmed, the grapes fermented as whole berries, and were pressed on the seventh day. After barrel malolactics and four months on their gross lees, the six lots were racked, combined, and returned to barrel; rich texture and intense mountain fruit supported a high percentage of new oak in aging. Enjoyable now, this superb vintage will develop further complexity over the next nine to ten years. EB (5/15)

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; calcium carbonate; egg whites; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO₂. PD (5/15)

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**RIDGE 2013
MERLOT
ESTATE**

100% MERLOT MONTE BELLO VINEYARD
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.8% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014