

RIDGE Spring 2016 Wholesale Virtual Tasting Winemaker Notes & Tasting Order

[Ridge 2014 Chardonnay Estate](#) – 14.3% ABV, 3361 cases produced

100% chardonnay (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA)

Sun-bleached straw color. Ripe pineapple, green apple, pear, melon, biscotti, flint, toasted oak. Elegant fresh citrus entry, ginger root, limestone earth, lemon zest finish. –Eric Baugher

[Ridge 2014 Paso Robles Zinfandel](#) – 14.4% ABV, 4331 cases produced

100% zinfandel (Paso Robles AVA)

Deep ruby. Black cherry, stewed plum, exotic barrel spice. Ripe bramble on entry, firm acid, gravelly mineral, medium-full body, round tannins, integrated oak finish. -EB

[Ridge 2014 East Bench Zinfandel](#) – 14.9% ABV, 5620 cases produced

100% zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley AVA)

Nose of raspberry jam, pepper, violets. Full bodied and rich on the palate with red berry fruit and supple tannins. Firm acidity and mineral notes add to the long, elegant finish. – John Olney

[Ridge 2014 Geyserville](#) – 14.6% ABV, 9831 cases produced

60% zinfandel, 24% carignane, 12% petite sirah, 4% mataro (Alexander Valley AVA)

Dark purple/ruby color. Blackberry jam, candied plums, gravel, spearmint, sweet oak, tropical floral notes. Fresh, intense bramble fruit entry; lively acidity, elegant tannins, mint, gravelly earth. Multidimensional: layered, deep, seductive flavors; lingering finish. -EB

[Ridge 2013 Merlot Estate](#) – 13.8% ABV, 1438 cases produced

100% merlot (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA)

Saturated ruby color. Seductive, rich bramble fruit; juniper, roasted coffee, clove. Lively mountain bramble fruit entry, chalky tannins, firm acid. Complex forest-floor, attractive oak spice in a lengthy finish. -EB

[Ridge 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate](#) – 13.8% ABV, 3306 cases produced

75% cabernet sauvignon, 20% merlot, 3% petit verdot, 2% cabernet franc (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA)

Ruby-tinged opaque purple. Ripe blackberry, cassis. Violets, espresso, dark chocolate, caramelized sugar. Concentrated briar fruit, full body, chalky tannins. Layers of licorice, cola, sweet oak. Complex limestone/ mineral elements in a long, intense finish. -EB