**RIDGE Fall 2016 Releases**

**Winemaker Tasting Notes**

**Ridge 2013 Monte Bello**

Opaque ruby color. Ripe mountain briar and cassis fruits; licorice, crushed limestone, sweet toasted oak, violets. Intense blackberry fruit on entry; cola, exotic oak spice. Well-defined full body, rich structure, firm acid, wet stone mineral. Long, intense finish. –Eric Baugher (1/16)

**Ridge 2013 Monte Bello Chardonnay**

Striking pale gold. Fresh apricot and pear, citrus blossom, crème brûlée, dried fig, quince. Sweet-tart entry; grapefruit, wet stone, ginger root. Lively acid, elegant texture, outstandingly long finish. –EB (1/16)

**Ridge 2014 Lytton Springs**

Deep purple color. Appealing aromas of black pepper, cassis, and licorice. Layered plum, blackberry fruit on the palate; medium/full-bodied, with silky tannins. Notes of chapparal and mocha on the finish. –John Olney (3/16)

**Ridge 2014 Pagani Ranch Zinfandel**

Saturated ruby color. Boysenberry fruit, plum skin, toasted oak. Full entry, sweet bramble fruit, mineral earthiness. Layered, with dense full-bodied tannins, firm acid, lengthy finish. –EB (5/16)

**Ridge 2014 Ponzo Zinfandel**

Vibrant fresh cherry, raspberry, and tropical nose. Medium-bodied on the palate, with elegant, well-integrated tannins. Lively acidity. Notes of mineral and vanilla leading into a nice, lingering finish. –Michael Bairdsmith (5/16)

**Ridge 2014 Lytton Estate Petite Sirah**

Opaque purple in color. Complex nose of blackberry, plum, tarragon, mint, and cocoa. Beautifully well-balanced. Full-bodied with chalky tannins. Rich and concentrated plum and mint on the finish. -MB (5/16)