

RIDGE 2014
MERLOT
ESTATE

100% MERLOT **MONTE BELLO VINEYARD**
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014

Monte Bello Vineyard
Yields, Estate Merlot Parcels:
31 tons from 11 acres

2014 Estate Merlot, bottled August 2016
This driest year on record brought significant water stress to the vineyard. Fortunately, the vines managed to get through it, and harvest, unusually early, was complete by September 20. A six-day fermentation provided elegant extraction. At assemblage, in February, we combined lots with excellent fruit and balanced tannins. After twenty-one months' aging in american oak, this complex merlot has developed wonderfully. It will be most enjoyable over the next ten years. EB (6/16)

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; calcium carbonate; egg whites; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO₂. PD (6/16)
408.867.3233 750 mL www.ridgevine.com

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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