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.

Vineyard Production Yields, Monte Bello Parcels: 92.1 tons from 65.4 acres

## 2014 Monte Bello, bottled June 2016

Lack of winter rain affected both vines and cover crops, limiting available nutrients. Still, the vines carried a decent-size crop, which ripened in September. Fermentations progressed slowly; extraction was decided by careful tasting. Malolactics started in tank, and finished by February. Merlot, which suffered in 2013, was strong in 2014. Petit verdot remained challenged by drought. This elegant vintage shows intense fruit, limestone earth, and firm acid. It will be enjoyable over the next fifteen to thirty years.

Ingredients: Hand harvested, sustainably grown estate grapes; indigenous yeasts; naturally occurring malolactic bacteria; 2.1% water addition; calcium carbonate; oak from barrel aging; minimum effective SO<sub>2</sub>.

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MONTE BELLO VINEYARD 75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 18% MERLOT, 5% CABERNET FRANC, 2% PETIT VERDOT SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS 18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014