# ATP 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

## APR 22/23

EVEN

#### **ASSEMBLAGE MONTE BELLO**

#### 11am – 5pm

The assemblage tastings continue as guests at our April event try barrel samples of the 2016 Monte Bello first assemblage.

This event is open to Z List, ATP and Collector members (a total of four attendees per member).

## MAY 13/14

### FINAL MONTE BELLO ASSEMBLAGE TASTING

#### 11am – 5pm

Taste the results of the second and final assemblage of the 2016 Monte Bello. This wine will be bottled in late spring 2018 and shipped in 2019.

This event is for Monte Bello Collector members only (a total of four attendees per member).

Space is very limited with events typically selling out in advance. Registration is required for each event.

## 2017 MARKS THE 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF OUR **ADVANCE TASTING PROGRAM**

ATP is California's original wine club with its roots dating all the way back to 1977. Since the beginning, the ATP program has provided a small group of loyal customers the unique opportunity to gain access to extremely limited wines from distinctive vineyards throughout Northern California.

We have always believed that great wine comes from great vineyards; expressing an unmistakable sense of place; best achieved through natural, non-interventionist winemaking practices. Thank you for being part of the Ridge family, and we look forward to celebrating this significant anniversary with you throughout the year.



## ORDER

SELECTIONS

2015 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

2014 ESTATE MERLOT

2014 ESTATE CABERNET

2014 MONTE BELLO

To secure your reorder quantities and get more details, please visit ridgewine.com or call 408.867.3233.

\*Member discounts apply. Estate Cabernet is available in large format.





RETAIL	MEMBER	CASE (12+)
\$55.00	\$49.50	\$46.75
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\$60.00	\$54.00	\$51.00
N/A. Public Release Sept. 1 st		

## MONTE BELLO **COLLECTOR** 2017

# RIDGE VINEYARDS

Exceptional single-vineyard wines since 1962

## RIDGE 2015 **CHARDONNAY** ESTATE

#### 100% CHARDONNAY

Winemaker's Notes: Mild winter weather resulted in early budbreak. Spring rains affected bloom, reducing yields by onethird. A warm, fog-free summer ripened the crop for an early-September harvest. In barrel, vineyard parcels were kept separate; at the tenth month, we assembled the most elegant lots. This outstanding vintage shows well-defined mountain fruit and firm acidity. It will be most enjoyable over the next eight to ten years. EB (9/16)

## RIDGE 2014 **MERLOT** ESTATE

#### 100% MERLOT

Winemaker's Notes: 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)



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# RIDGE 2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON ESTATE

75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 14% MERLOT 6% PETIT VERDOT 5% CABERNET FRANC

Winemaker's Notes: Early harvest at Monte Bello had, for the first time ever. all varietals ripen in one month – September. We reduced whole-berry fermentation time to accommodate the fastpaced harvest, yet extraction of color and tannin was abundant. By taste, the most approachable lots were selected at assemblage. This superb vintage aged in american oak, and was bottled at twenty-two months, once tannins had softened. It will show well over the next ten years. EB (6/16)





#### 2014 Futures Purchased in 2015

## RIDGE 2014 MONTE BELLO

75% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 18% MERLOT **5% CABERNET FRANC** 2% PETIT VERDOT

Winemaker's Notes: 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. EB (2/16)