**RIDGE Spring 2017 Releases**

**Winemaker Tasting Notes & Tasting Order**

**Ridge 2015 Chardonnay Estate** (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, ~2280 cases)

100% chardonnay; 14.5% ABV

Pale golden color. Pineapple fruit, braised pear, and fig aromas, sweet oak, and dried herbs. Tart apple fruit entry, pineapple, citrus, and an elegant texture; long, refreshing firm acid finish. –Eric Baugher (2/17)

**Ridge 2015 Paso Robles Zinfandel** (Paso Robles AVA, 2162 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.8% ABV

Garnet color. Appealing black cherry fruit aromas, berry pie, and exotic oak spice. Fresh, ripe cherries on entry, fruit-forward, round tannins, and lovely old-vine pepper spice finish. Drinkable now. EB (2/17)

**Ridge 2015 East Bench Zinfandel** (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 4810 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.7% ABV

Deep ruby color, mixed red fruits nose, subtle vanilla and oak spice, black cherry and raspberry palate with well coated tannins and bright acidity. –John Olney (2/17)

**Ridge 2015 Geyserville** (Alexander Valley AVA, 9206 cases)

60% zinfandel, 24% carignane, 12% petite sirah, 4% mataro (mourvedre); 14.6% ABV

Saturated ruby color. Intense dark berry fruits, gravel earth, black licorice, mint, and exotic spices. Powerful bramble fruit entry, sensuous, well-defined tannins, great depth of flavor, enjoyable lengthy finish. EB (2/17)

**Ridge 2014 Merlot Estate** (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 1745 cases)

100% merlot; 13.5% ABV

Saturated ruby color. Ripe cherry fruit, chaparral, black tea, toasted oak, and clove spice. Well-defined mountain fruit entry, rounded tannins, sweet oak, lengthy finish showing limestone character. EB (2/17)

**Ridge 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate** (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 6375 cases)

75% cabernet sauvignon, 14% merlot, 6% petit verdot, 5% cabernet franc; 13.7% ABV

Deep purple color. Aromas of blackcurrant, cherries, clove spice, toasted oak, and cocoa. Ripe bramble fruit entry, medium-full body, supple tannins, and sweet oak; firm acid persists in a long finish. EB (1/17)