**RIDGE Spring 2018 Releases**

**Winemaker Tasting Notes**

**Ridge 2016 Chardonnay Estate** (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,500 cases)

100% chardonnay; 14.3% ABV

Pale gold color. Apricot, citrus, and pear aromas. Appealing tropical fruit on entry, refreshing acidity, and elegant texture. Excellent balance. EB (1/18)

**Ridge 2016 Paso Robles Zinfandel** (Paso Robles AVA, 4,180 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.6% ABV

Deep garnet color. Black cherry fruit aromas and scented barrel spice. Rich bramble fruit on entry, medium body, integrated tannins and lively acidity, a long, opulent finish. EB (1/18)

**Ridge 2016 East Bench Zinfandel** (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 6,000 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.9% ABV

Blackberry, cocoa licorice on the nose. Full bodied palate with fig and plum fruit, chalky tannins, mineral and chaparral notes on the finish. JO (12/17)

**Ridge 2016 Geyserville** (Alexander Valley AVA, 9,750 cases)

73% zinfandel, 17% carignane, 7% petite sirah, 3% alicante bouschet; 14.5% ABV

Saturated ruby in color. Plum and black cherry fruit aromas, mint, and gravelly earth. Ripe bramble fruit on entry, balanced acidity, and elegant tannins. Long finish. EB (1/18)

**Ridge 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate** (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 2,950 cases)

81% cabernet sauvignon, 16% merlot, 2% petit verdot, 1% cabernet franc; 13.5% ABV

Opaque purple in color. Aromas of cassis, anise, and clove spice from barrel aging. Blackberry fruit on entry, fine grain tannins, black olive, and forest floor. A long finish. EB (1/18)