

RIDGE 2019 Export Releases Winemaker Tasting Notes

Ridge 2017 Chardonnay Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, ~2750 cases)

100% chardonnay; 14.2% ABV

Sun-bleached straw color. Pineapple, melon, honeysuckle, and citrus. Appealing fruit entry, refreshing acidity, with an elegant texture. Long, smooth finish. EB (12/18)

Ridge 2016 Monte Bello Chardonnay (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, 425 cases)

100% chardonnay; 14.4% ABV

Pale gold color. Pear, dried fig, citrus blossom, wet stone, and toasted brioche. Intense mountain fruit entry, limestone, full bodied, and firm acidity; lengthy, complex finish. EB (12/18)

Ridge 2017 East Bench Zinfandel (Dry Creek Valley AVA, ~5300 cases)

100% zinfandel; 14.7% ABV

Ripe blackberry, cocoa and mint on the nose. Brambly red fruit palate with a tannic grip, finishes with notes of chapparel and licorice. JO (2/19)

Ridge 2017 Geyserville (Alexander Valley AVA, ~9500 cases)

68% zinfandel, 18% carignane, 12% petite sirah, 2% alicante bouschet; 14.5% ABV

Dark ruby color. Aromas of ripe black cherries and plum, sweet oak, mint, and gravel earth. Rich bramble fruit entry, round and supple tannins, refreshing acidity, and layered complex fruits in a long finish. EB (12/18)

Ridge 2017 Lytton Springs (Dry Creek Valley AVA, 9200 cases)

74% zinfandel, 15% petite sirah, 9% carignane, 2% mataro (mourvèdre); 14.8% ABV

Jammy raspberry fruit with pepper, mint and sweet toasted oak. Brambly fruit on the palate, sensuous, well defined tannins and balanced acidity. –John Olney (3/17)

Ridge 2017 Lytton Estate Petite Sirah (Dry Creek Valley AVA, ~2400 cases)

100% petite sirah; 13.8% ABV

Dark inky color with blackberry, mineral, and pepper on the nose. Full bodied, layered fruit and spice with floral notes on a long sensuous finish. –John Olney (3/17)

Ridge 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, ~5900 cases)

77% cabernet sauvignon, 19% merlot, 2% petit verdot, 2% cabernet franc; 13.8% ABV

Saturated purple in color. Aromas of cassis, blueberry, cola, licorice, and sweet oak. Ripe blackberry fruit entry, full bodied, rich textures, exotic spice and toasted oak. Complex, long, sensuous finish. EB (1/19)

Ridge 2016 Monte Bello (Santa Cruz Mountains AVA, ~5150 cases)

72% cabernet sauvignon, 12% merlot, 10% petit verdot, 6% cabernet franc; 13.7% ABV

Opaque purple-ruby color. Ripe blackberry fruit, barrel spice, anise, violets, and crushed limestone. Opulent mountain fruit entry, firm acid, and fine-grain, age-worthy tannins. Powerful complexity and tremendous length to the finish. EB (1/18)