

# RIDGE VINEYARDS



## TRESTER GOETTING – Winemaker, Monte Bello

Trester Goetting joined Ridge in 2022 as Monte Bello Winemaker. Relying on his vast experience with both high elevation Bordeaux winemaking and old-vine, single vineyard Zinfandel production, Trester is a perfect match for the Ridge Vineyards wine portfolio.

Growing up in Napa, he spent many hours playing in the vineyards with his friends. Beginning at the age of sixteen, Trester began working in the wine cellar at Tulocay Winery in Coombsville. After high school, he worked in the world of sparkling wine at Domaine Carneros and did a stint at the Anderson Valley's organic specialist Yorkville Cellars while he was still in college. Trester graduated from Humboldt State University with a degree in Timber Production and a minor in Agricultural Ethics. During his college years, Trester returned to Napa Valley to work in the cellar for Robert Craig Winery during harvest. His first big break came in 1998 when he joined the winemaking team at St. Clement Vineyards moving quickly to the assistant winemaker position. In 2004, Trester joined Ladera Vineyards as the associate winemaker. This high-elevation Howell Mountain Vineyard site was a great learning place for Trester in regards to farming practices and making wines from steep, rugged terrain with unique soil properties. In 2010 Trester became the winemaker for the renowned Stagecoach Vineyard owners' exclusive brand, Krupp Brothers wines. Trester joined Robert Biale Vineyards in 2013 where he worked in harmony with Biale's vineyard guru, Bob Biale, to co-manage and fully understand the intricacies of each of the 24 vineyard sites they made wine from. Unleashing the full potential and ultimate expression of each unique vineyard was the winery's goal, which is why winemaking at Biale was such an ideal situation for Trester.

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