

Ridge Estate, Santa Cruz Mountains, Cabernet Sauvignon

Californië - Verenigde Staten

A warm, dry, growing season began a month early, and fine weather continued through summer for an early October harvest. Rapid extraction prompted us to shorten fermentation times and frequency of pump-overs. Once natural malolactics finished in barrel, we chose lots with great fruit definition and elegant structure for the assemblage, and returned the wine to barrel for continued aging. In late fall, a complex press lot was included, providing additional depth and richness. Nineteen months in barrel has softened tannins and clarified the wine. Sensuous and enjoyable now, it will continue to develop over the next twelve to fifteen years.



Proefnotitie

Opaque garnet color. Layered cassis and black berry, fennel, dark chocolate, limestone/mineral notes, toasty oak. Complex fruit, tannins, and oak are impressively balanced. Robert Parker (94-96) The 2008 Monte Bello (still in barrel) is a blend of 72% Cabernet Sauvignon and 28% Merlot. More successful and higher in quality than the 2007, it exhibits a thicker, deeper, richer purple color, medium to full body, beautifully pure blackberry and cassis fruit, and attractive spicy, earthy notes. This velvety-textured, rich, impressive offering appears to be a strong success.

Houdbaarheid

Drink it now and over the next 15 years.

Druivenrassen

Persoonlijke proefnotitie

75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot



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