

Ridge Vineyards `Monte Bello` Cabernet Sauvignon Organic 2016



Region

The fog influenced Napa Valley is home to many of California's premium wineries. This famous valley around the natural springs of Oakville, includes the thin strip of soil known as the Rutherford Bench where some of the state's most highly prized vineyards are planted. It is where great Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay are grown and sublime Pinot Noirs from the southern Carneros end of the valley.

Producer

The Ridge Vineyards began in 1885 when Dr Perrone bought 180 acres near the top of Monte Bello Ridge. He terraced the slopes and planted vineyards, as well as constructing the winery out of native limestone. Ridge Vineyards is one of the most prestigious wineries in California and is famous for the 1976 judgement of Paris where a panel of European experts judged the Ridge Monte Bello to be superior to some of Bordeaux's finest wines.

Tasting Notes

Late winter rains brought some relief from another year of drought. Monte Bello's fractured limestone held onto this moisture for the vines to draw on through a mild summer. Unusually cold nights slowed ripening and developed firm acidity, while gentle extraction during fermentation kept tannins in balance. Eighteen months were spent in barrel 98% is in American oak 2% French. 2016 Monte Bello is stunning, bursting from the glass with aromas of crushed currants, plums, charcoal, sweet spices, black truffle and rich soil. On the palate, it's full-bodied, immensely deep and very concentrated, with an ample core of dark fruit that almost entirely conceals its rich chassis of tannin. The finish is long, tensile and chalky.

Food

Will complement fine cuts of steak, game and hard cheeses.

Technical Information

Country	United States	Dry/Sweet Style	Not applicable
Region	Napa Valley	Alcohol Content	13%
Grape(s)	Cabernet Sauvignon (72%) Merlot (12%) Petit Verdot (10%) Cabernet Franc (6%)	Closure Style	Cork
Type	Red	Organic/Biodynamic	No
Style	Complex	Allergens	Milk: No Egg: No
Oaked Style	Oaked	Vegetarian/Vegan	Vegetarian: No Vegan: No
Body Style	Full bodied		
Sustainable	Yes-certified sustainable		



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