



TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL OF LABELS FOR WINE

Date: February 08, 2019

Label Certificate Number: 1044662

Pursuant to the application of : RIDGE VINEYARDS/ LYTTON SPRINGS WINERY
Holder of permit/license number : S143929

**Brand : RIDGE 2005 CALIFORNIA MONTE BELLO CABERNET
SAUVIGNON, ET AL**
Fanciful Name : CALIFORNIA MONTE BELLO
Vineyard : MONTE BELLO
**Class : CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, PETIT VERDOT,
CABERNET FRANC**
Vintage : 2005
Appellation : SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS
Size(s) : 50ML-58L
Stated Alc. Content : 13.4% ALC/VOL
Tested Alc. Content : N/A
TTB Number : 07079001000001

are hereby approved with the same conditions and restrictions as the Federal Certificate of Label Approval (COLA) issued by the Department of Treasury (TTB). If label changes require a new Federal COLA(s) to be obtained, new Texas label approval will also be required.

This certificate shall not operate to relieve any person from liability for any violation of the Federal Alcohol Administration Act, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, or any Rules and Regulations thereunder, resulting from the failure of any container bearing the labels herein approved, or the contents of such container, to conform to the statements and representations made on such labels.

**APPROVAL OF THIS LABEL DOES NOT SIGNIFY COMPLIANCE WITH TABC'S CODES
AND RULES.**

Label Approval Section
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c/o RIDGE VINEYARDS/ LYTTON SPRINGS WINERY
PO BOX 1810
CUPERTINO, CA 95015



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RIDGE 2005 CALIFORNIA MONTE BELLO®

**MONTE BELLO VINEYARD: 70% CABERNET SAUVIGNON, 22% MERLOT, 6% PETIT VERDOT, 2% CABERNET FRANC
SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 13.4% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
GROWN, PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS
17100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, BOX 1810, CUPERTINO, CA 95015**

GOVERNMENT WARNING: (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

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CONTAINS SULFITES

Total vineyard production:

107 tons from 108 acres

49% selected for this wine

2005 Monte Bello Estate Vineyard, bottled May 2007

Our estate vineyards high on Monte Bello Ridge are exposed to the Pacific Ocean, fifteen miles to the west. This gives us a climate as cool as Bordeaux, but also subjects us to the ocean's vicissitudes. In 2005, late rains and cold winds cut yields to a ton an acre, the lowest in ten years. Warm summer days and atypically warm nights brought ripening back on schedule, and a warm October fully ripened each of the thirty-six parcels between October 4 and November 1. Clusters and berries were small, color and tannin abundant. Pressed at eight days on average, forty percent of the wine went through natural malolactic in barrel, the rest in small fermentors. Assemblage began in February. After several weeks of blind tasting, we made a barrel each of three different blends. By March, it was easier to determine the finest. Petit verdot and cabernet franc were added immediately, another merlot and three cabernets in May, some rich first-press wine in December. Seventeen months in new air-dried american oak—from both french and american coopers—has contributed spice and texture. This is a superb vintage. Beautifully balanced, it will continue to develop over the next several decades.

EB/PD (3/07)

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750 mL

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