



## 2001 Ridge Montebello

Ridge Vineyards, Napa Valley, USA

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2001	<b>Drinking:</b>	2020 2040
<b>Producer:</b>	Ridge Vineyards	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Napa Valley	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	USA		

### About the producer

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The legendary winery from Santa Cruz, and more recently Sonoma, has been making some of the most sought after wines from the USA for decades. Acclaim that would have been unimaginable to William Short in the 1940s when he and three students from Stanford revived the abandoned winery and Monte Bello vineyard in Santa Cruz and begun to experiment with Cabernet Sauvignon. Today's owner and CEO Paul Draper, voted Winemakers' winemaker of the year in 2013 at Prowein, is known for his early harvests in the vineyard and non-interventionist style in the winery. He believes that overripe grapes obliterate vineyard character and definition, both important characteristics required for crafting wines of distinction. His hands-off approach in the winery allows the terroir to speak volumes, a philosophy which has been adopted by a fresh crop of winemakers in the US who focus on keeping their ripeness and alcohol levels down in exchange for elegance and clarity.

Wines from the USA with finesse and vineyard definition? Yes, and in the case of Ridge, they've been doing it for decades!