



2013 Monte Bello

Ridge Vineyards, Santa Cruz Mountains, California Wine

Product details

Vintage:	2013	Drinking:	
Producer:	Ridge Vineyards	Alcohol:	
Region:	Santa Cruz Mountains	Variety:	Cabernet sauvignon
Country:	California Wine		

About the producer

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!