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. CONTAINS SULFITES

## 2009 Chardonnay, bottled January 2011

Winter storms brought below-average precipitation, but late spring rains supplied the vines enough water to survive an unusually warm summer. In each parcel, we picked the stressed vines before the "green" ones, giving us fourteen separate lots. After natural primary and secondary barrel fermentations, we racked off the lees in August. We then combined the finest lots for our new Estate Chardonnay designation. The firm acid is well-matched by rich, wonderfully-complex fruit. This fine wine will be most enjoyable over the next five years.

EB (9/10)

Limestone sub soils, cool climate, low yields and natural fermentations have produced fifty vintages of exceptional wines. The distinctive character of the finest wines has always been determined by their site—by nature, not by man.

PD (4/10)

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## RIDGE ESTATE CHARDONNAY 2009

MONTE BELLO VINEYARD 100% CHARDONNAY SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS 14.5% ALCOHOL BY VOLUME GROWN, PRODUCED AND BOTTLED BY RIDGE VINEYARDS 18100 MONTE BELLO ROAD, CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA 95014