

I BRAND & FAMILY CABERNET SAUVIGNON, FELLOW RANCH, MONTEBELLO RIDGE, SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS



100% Cabernet Sauvignon. First planted in the 40s and abutting the classic Ridge Santa Cruz Mountain property, Fellow Ranch produces among the most sought-after grapes in California. This stunner opens with dark fruit & graphite & unfolds layers of mountain garrigue wrapped around a sappy red fruit core. Depth, complexity & astounding natural acidity.

Fellow Ranch is located on the top of the Montebello Ridge outside of Saratoga, California, between 2000 and 2400 feet. The vineyard overlooks the San Francisco Peninsula and Bay and the legendary Ridge Monte Bello Vineyard, with which it shares a border. The property was purchased by State Senator Roy Fellow in 1929. The modern vineyard was planted in the late 70s and early 80s by Roy (Bud) Fellow III. We get the east and northeast facing portion, which is mostly Beringer selection, from 1980 and 1982. At the base of Montebello Ridge is the largest lime quarry in Northern California. The upthrusted seafloor that forms the Montebello and Black Mountain Ridges are unique in California. Fermented lightly crushed with native yeasts and a three-week maceration. Aged in a new Stockinger puncheon and neutral barrels.

Ian Brand puts a lot of miles on his car exploring & discovering great vineyards at the edge of sensible farming in Central California. He finds the remote, challenging vineyards that can produce only the most idiosyncratic wines.

With hard depleted soils & intense sunlight, they are tempered only by the coastal breeze. His goal is to lightly polish the roughest edges & leave the idiosyncrasy intact. It is there in the back country of Monterey & San Benito county that Ian's wines come to life. The I. Brand & Family wines are small lot, single-vineyard selections that Ian wishes to showcase. "We are not in "wine country" nor do we have trophy wineries. This is farm land, desolate hills & solitude. What we do is simple, without artifice & we enjoy it."

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Shelf Talker:

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