



2014 CHARDONNAY MT. VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

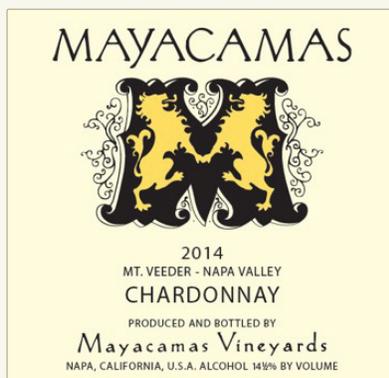
High on the slopes of Mount Veeder, Mayacamas Vineyards has been a source of legendary California wine since 1889. Since the 1950's the vinification and *élevage* of Mayacamas remains remarkably consistent and our continued commitment to employ classical techniques and tools is integral to the character of these wines. The mountain terroir at Mayacamas ranges from 1,800 to 2,400 feet in elevation and the estate spans 475 acres, only 50 of which are dedicated to vine. The region's richly intense, age-worthy wines reflect the independent spirit of its mountain growers and vintners, borne of rugged conditions that demand craftsmanship at the highest level.

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 vintage is a special one at Mayacamas as we celebrate 125 years of winemaking on our incredible estate. The Mayacamas 2014 is one of the finest Chardonnays produced to date, a perfect wine to mark this special occasion. This bottling is all about the intersection of freshness, precision and power. Delicate, detailed aromas of pear skin, honeysuckle, wet slate and vanilla bean unfold in the glass and deepen with air. On the palate, the wine is at once rich and very focused – dominated at first by mouthwatering acidity and stony minerality, then broadening into generous flavors of lemon curd and green pistachio. The 2014 vintage was our team's second as winemakers of Mayacamas, but the winemaking style remains much the same as in years past. After fermentation in a combination of neutral wood and stainless steel, the 2014 Chardonnay spent 12 months in barrique, less than 10% of which was new. The wine did not undergo malolactic fermentation.

VINEYARDS & TERROIR

2014 Mayacamas Chardonnay was sourced exclusively from vineyard sites in the Mount Veeder Appellation. Grapes were harvested from high-elevation, dry-farmed vines with an average age of approximately 30 years. Mount Veeder is a one-of-a-kind appellation with a cooler mountain climate and the lowest yields in Napa Valley. Soils range from poor volcanic deposits to ancient seabeds; the grapes produced here retain high acidity and a clean, mineral character.



VARIETAL 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Napa Valley

ALCOHOL 14½%