

MAYACAMAS



2024 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 2024 Chardonnay is a textural-driven wine with aromatics of white and yellow flowers. Tones of Anjou pear, Golden Delicious apple, and lemon curd engage the front of the palate. The mid-palate exhibits balance and depth with marzipan, white pepper and mint. The wine's finish is long and leaves the back palate with a slate and saline finish.

WINEMAKING

The 2024 growing season started with a cool, wet winter. Healthy winter and spring rainfall replenished the soils, marking the third consecutive season average to above average rain. A cool, prolonged spring delayed bud break and flowering, but a warming trend at the of April allowed flowering to wrap with above average fruit set. Summer temperatures were warm in general, with a quite a few moderate heat events. Persistent warm temperatures pushed our higher elevation Chardonnay to ripen quickly, with our Wente clone in the Terraces being harvested on August 19 to kick off harvest.

Chardonnay grapes were hand harvested, cluster sorted and pressed whole cluster on a block-by-block basis. Alcoholic fermentation and aging was completed in a mix of oak vessels of various sizes and origins – 1,000L Foudre, 500L Puncheon and neutral 228L being most prominent. Malolactic fermentation was inhibited. The wine was aged for 12 months, sur-lie.

APPELLATION: Mt. Veeder
VARIETAL: 100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL: 13 1/2%

