

CHALONE VINEYARD

GREETINGS WINE CLUB MEMBERS,

My first harvest here is quickly approaching. With our immaculately kept vineyards under the control of Mother Nature and Richard Boer, 30-year veteran Vineyard Manager, we are ready to make a great vintage of wine from our stellar vineyards.

Driving to the winery in the early mornings this summer, I've emerged from the thick fog of the Salinas Valley into the light like an aircraft bursting through the clouds. It's an unusual and dramatic experience, but just a normal day at our high elevation. These days of cool nights, foggy early mornings and hot afternoons, with only a handful of scorchers, indicate that harvest will be on-time to a little delayed, and with excellent quality fruit.

Our fall wines are great examples of the wines that attracted me to Chalone. The **2018 Reserve Chardonnay** comes from our Reservoir Block, planted in our unique blend of decomposed granite soils laced with limestone. The berries are small, with wonderfully ripe flavors, and a pear and apricot quality. The **2018 Estate Syrah** has it all: gripping tannins, dark berry fruit intensity, savory white pepper and leather notes, medium acidity and lingering deliciousness. Right now this wine is showing the perfect combination of textures, flavors and intrigue, and would be a great one to share at Thanksgiving.

With my thanks for your continued membership, and my best wishes for a happy and healthy fall.

Cheers,

Greg Freeman
Winemaker



MEET OUR NEW WINEMAKER

Greg Freeman joined Chalone as Winemaker in March of this year, bringing with him more than 20 years of winemaking experience, most recently at Hahn Family Wines. This harvest Greg will build his 'spice rack,' by harvesting each vineyard block and clone separately, and setting aside two neutral barrels of wine from each block and clone to age in the cellar. In the spring, he'll continue to get to know each vineyard by tasting through these samples to perfect his blends. When not making wine, this lifelong musician can occasionally be spotted playing bagpipes on the beach near his home in Carmel Valley.

FALL WINE CLUB SELECTION



2018 CHALONE ESTATE RESERVE CHARDONNAY

A beautiful example of Chalone's distinctive Chardonnay style, the 2018 Reserve Chardonnay opens with aromas of pear, lemon verbena, and apricot, which carry through on the palate. A crisp acidity flows to a lemon-zest finish.

APPELLATION	Chalone AVA
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
BARREL AGING	8 months in one-year-old French oak
ALCOHOL	14.2%
CASE PRODUCTION	260 cases

Retail Price: \$45.00 Club Price: \$36.00 Reorder Price: \$31.50



2018 CHALONE ESTATE SYRAH

A blend of the three Syrah clones grown in our estate vineyards produces a wine reminiscent of Australian Shiraz and northern Rhône Syrah, but shaped by Chalone terroir. Layered leather, cinnamon, tobacco leaf, and dark fruit elements create a bold and complex wine that intrigues the senses.

APPELLATION	Chalone AVA
COMPOSITION	100% Syrah
BARREL AGING	15 months in French oak (40% new)
ALCOHOL	15.0%
CASE PRODUCTION	130 cases

Retail Price: \$40.00 Club Price: \$32.00 Reorder Price: \$28.00

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