

CHALONE VINEYARD

“Chalone isn’t a label; it’s a place on earth.” The wines speak to the limestone and decomposed granite soils that are specific to this wild, isolated mountain plateau in Monterey County. The low-nutrient soils make the vines struggle and give the wines unique minerality; the diurnal temperature swings and cool winds retain acidity; the intense sunshine builds flavors and tannin structure; and the age of our vines enhances the wines’ concentration, complexity and ageability.

2016 ESTATE CHENIN BLANC

VINEYARD

This wine captures both the terroir and the long history of Chalone Vineyard. The 3.79-acre Chenin Blanc vineyard was hand planted by Lucien Charles Tamm, who recognized this remote, mountainous site as having similar limestone soils to those in his native France.

VINTAGE

After several years of drought, the 2016 vintage started out with an average amount of rainfall (about 13 inches) in winter. Weather remained cooperative throughout budbreak and bloom resulting in a good set and even ripening. Ample sunshine during the summer months delivered ideal grapes full of flavor. We harvested the fruit for this wine on September 3, 2016.

WINE

This limited production bottling of Chalone 2016 Estate Chenin Blanc was sourced from a vineyard planted in 1919. Vines this old produce miniscule yields but extraordinary fruit resulting in a rare opportunity to try what we consider liquid gold. Our Chalone 2016 Estate Chenin Blanc offers complex aromas and flavors of Fuji apple and Bosc pear, followed by citrus notes of tangerine and a hint of honeycomb balanced by a delightful minerality. Try pairing with pan-Pacific fusion dishes, such as shellfish in a Thai lemongrass and coconut-milk curry or grilled teriyaki chicken.

WINE DATA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	100% Chenin Blanc
BARREL AGING:	3 year old neutral barrels
APPELLATION:	Chalone AVA
ALCOHOL:	13.8%
ACIDITY:	7.8g/L
PH:	3.16
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	12.7 g/L
CASE PRODUCTION:	177



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