

# 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.*

## 2024 CHARDONNAY MUSQUÉ CHALONE APPELLATION

### VINEYARD

Several years ago, our Chalone vineyard manager, Richard Boer, came across a uniquely expressive Chardonnay vine in the MacWood vineyard site on our estate and decided to graft it over to more vines. As a result, we now have 1.7 acres planted of the aromatic Chardonnay Musqué clone.

### VINTAGE

Chalone Vineyard and the entire Central Coast region experienced cool, even weather patterns throughout growing season - a welcome change after years of challenges. The fruit was able to ripen slowly, developing full flavors and varietal character. 2024 will be remembered as a classic vintage, yielding excellent fruit quality and wines.

### WINE

Musqué is a French term applied to certain grape varieties or clones and means both perfumed ("musky") and Muscat-like, indicating that the variety or clone is highly aromatic. The Chardonnay Musqué clone expresses delightful, perfumed notes and holds a distinctive quality that sets it apart from any other type of Chardonnay.

This 2024 Chardonnay Unoaked showcases the region's intense sunshine and unique limestone soils through a vibrant, pure aromatic profile of ripe pear, banana, and sweet honey, punctuated by delicate notes of orange blossom and honeysuckle. The palate is exceptionally bright, defined by hints of citrus and a mouthwatering acidity that keeps the tropical layers of melon, ripe pineapple, and lychee focused and crisp. The wine highlights a deep, chalky minerality and zesty grapefruit on the finish, reflecting the rugged, arid terrain from which it hails.

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION:** 100% Chardonnay Musqué

**AGING:** 100% Stainless steel

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**ACIDITY:** 6.5 g/L

**PH:** 3.49

**CASE PRODUCTION:** 250

