

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.

2019 SYRAH CHALONE APPELLATION

VINEYARD

Our Syrah grapes are planted to 18 acres on the Chalone Vineyard estate and are divided into three vineyard sites: Tower, Strip, and Macwood. The vines are grafted to three different Syrah clones that offer various flavor complexities. The Australian Shiraz clone produces Old-World characteristics of earthy spice, black tar, white pepper, and deep fruit. The northern Rhône Syrah clone is bright, and fruit driven. The third clone's character is between the Rhône and Shiraz clones, making the blend reminiscent of both wine regions, yet shaped by the unique terroir of Chalone.

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season provided a good amount of rainfall (18-inches) and slightly cooler than average temperatures, allowing the fruit to mature slowly and gradually. The extended hang time resulted in bright fruit characters and a beautiful balance in all our wines.

WINE

The 2019 Syrah displays a dark inky to purple hue in the glass and reveals captivating aromas of blackberry, plum and white pepper. Notes of black cherry and peppery spice mingle seamlessly on the mid-palate with chewy tannins and vibrant acidity.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION:	100% Syrah
COOPERAGE:	15 months in 50% new French oak barrels
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
ACIDITY:	6.1 g/L
PH:	3.67
CASE PRODUCTION:	200

