

# 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.*

## 2021 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

Chalone Vineyard experienced a compressed harvest in 2021 that began at the end of August and concluded the first week of October. A cool growing season consisted of only a few hot days with little to no rainfall, which placed stress on the vines; yielding fruit with lower acidity and optimal ripeness.

### WINE

The Chalone 2021 Syrah exhibits a deep ruby red color that is inky and dark in the glass. The nose and palate are expressive of cool climate flavor characteristics such as blueberry, red cherry, vanilla, tobacco, leather, white pepper, and spice. The full-bodied midpalate possesses a gorgeous structure led by textured tannins and brisk acidity that lingers throughout the finish.

<b>VARIETAL COMPOSITION:</b>	100% Syrah
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	18 months in 65% new French oak barrels
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.5%
<b>ACIDITY:</b>	6.2 g/L
<b>PH:</b>	3.69
<b>CASE PRODUCTION:</b>	325

