

2021 MOUNTAIN WINERY CHARDONNAY

APPELLATION: Santa Cruz Mountains

VINEYARD: Mountain Winery Vineyard

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

WINEMAKING: Whole cluster pressed, fermented (100% MLF) and aged in French oak barrels (25% new) for 12 months sur lie, then 6 months in stainless steel.

CASES PRODUCED: 74

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2023 (SRP \$52)

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THE VINEYARD

Towering 1200 feet above Silicon Valley, on steep south-facing slopes of gravelly loam and fractured Franciscan shale, lies the historic Mountain Winery Vineyard. Originally planted by the Burgundian Paul Masson at the turn of the 20th century with vines he brought back from France, this site is ground zero for fine wine in California. Replanted in 2004 to vine material from the historic vineyard, we thrill in rediscovering the origins of the legend through this wine.

THE VINTAGE

There was a dearth of rainfall through the winter months with less than 15 inches of rain. Moderate spring and summer temperatures allowed for even ripening. Harvested on July 31st.

TASTING NOTES

White flowers, crushed rocks, lime, graphite, white pepper interplay with chalky and savory notes with an intensely saline finish.