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Heitz Cellar

NAPA VALLEY

2019 QUARTZ CREEK CHARDONNAY



The Quartz Creek Vineyard is situated at the base of the Mayacamas mountains, in the northwestern-most portion of the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. This site takes its name from an abundance of quartzite found throughout the bedrock and upper layers of the soil. This material provides tension and energy, seldom seen in Chardonnay from the Napa Valley. The parcel sits at one of the northernmost locations, still capable of producing elegant and balanced Chardonnay. It is often blanketed with a thick layer of fog throughout the late evening and early morning, helping to temper the Mediterranean climate of the Napa Valley.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2019 vintage began with plentiful rainfall and much-needed soil moisture. With limited heat events and foggy mornings, summer was picturesque, especially in the south. Late summer and early fall provided a relatively mild finish to the growing season, ensuring full phenolic development and preserving freshness and elegance in the fruit. The 2019 vintage will likely be remembered for the exceptional quality of fruit with abundant acidity and substantial texture.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Vineyard Details

Size: 10.47 Acres (Chardonnay) |
Vine Age: 5-6 years | **Clones:** Chard
FPS 70, CS 685, 412, 169 | **Soil:** Cortina
stony loam, Haire loam, Clear Lake
Clay loam | **Elevation:** 90 – 100 feet |
Training Method: Cane pruned,
Elkhorn

Aging Regimen

Aged on the fine lees in large oak casks
and barrels (20% new) for one year with
battonage performed regularly and an
additional six months of bottle aging
before release.

Pack Size

6/750ml

Cultivation (as of Jan 2022)

Certified CCOF organic,
Demeter Biodynamic Certification
Expected 2023

Alcohol

12.5%

Varietal Composition & AVA

100% Chardonnay | Oak Knoll AVA