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# Heitz Cellar

NAPA VALLEY

## 2022 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:

Harvested on August 18th, we had a relatively early start to the season and picked well ahead of the heat wave that marked the 2022 vintage in early September. Weather leading up to harvest was favorable for crisp, pristine white wines and we see this clearly in our 2022 Quartz Creek Chardonnay. Bright acidity is balanced by elegant weight that is achieved through extended elevage on lees and a touch of new oak. The vibrant aromas are indicative of great growing season.

### TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

#### VINEYARD DETAILS

*Size:* 44.1 Ac; 10.47 Chard

*Vine Age:* Chard 5-6 years; Reds 3 years

*Clones:* Chard FPS 70, CS 685, 412, 169

*Soil:* Cortina stony loam, Haire loam (Chard), Clear Lake Clay loam, Bale Clay Loam (Cab)

*Elevation:* 90-100 feet

*Training Method:* Cane pruned, elkhorn

#### CULTIVATION

Certified CCOF Organic

Demeter Biodynamic Certified in 2023

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION & AVA

100% Chardonnay | Oak Knoll District AVA

#### AGING REGIMEN

Aged on the fine lees in large oak casks and barrels (20% new) for 15 months with batonnage performed regularly and an additional three months of bottle aging before release.

#### PACK SIZE

6/750ml

#### ALCOHOL

12.5%

