



# CHALK HILL

ESTATE BOTTLED

2021 CARMÉNÈRE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Since its founding in 1972, Chalk Hill Estate has been recognized as one of California's benchmark producers. Our 1300+ acre property is located at the convergence of a number of diverse climates, soils and terrains in the northeastern hills of Sonoma County. The complexity of the terroir enables us to produce a range of wines from nearly 300 acres of vineyards woven amongst the native oak woodlands, meadows and streams. This wine is 89% Carménère and 11% Cabernet Sauvignon and comes from Estate West vineyard, south facing hillside featuring rocky red volcanic soil. This vineyard block is certified sustainable and includes Estate West H Clones 1 and 2 and Estate West Q Clone 412.

The 2021 vintage had ideal conditions with nice even weather patterns. This allowed for longer hang time and grape maturity, allowing for excellent flavor development. Yields were smaller, resulting in a higher concentration of darker fruit flavors. Our Carménère Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of dark fruit, black pepper, vanilla, well-integrated barrel spice and earthy notes. The palate is bold and rustic with blackberry, clove, black tea. Complex notes of leather and tobacco compliment dense, rich velvety tannins that lead to a long lingering finish.

## HARVEST

*Harvest Dates:* OCTOBER 16, 2021

*Average Yields:* 2.54 TONS/ACRE

*Average Brix at Harvest:* 25.3°

## FERMENTATION / BARREL

100% MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION WITH MONTHLY BÂTONNAGE

*Cooperage:* FRENCH OAK, 67% NEW

*Barrel Aging:* 20 MONTHS

## WINE

*Blend:* 89% CARMÉNÈRE, 11% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*Cases bottled:* 300

*pH:* 3.65    *TA:* 5.81 G/L    *Alcohol:* 14.2%