# **MASON**

## 2020 NAPA VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Appellation: NAPA VALLEY

100% Chardonnay

**Alcohol:** 14.19%

**TA:** 0.54 g/100ml

pH: 3.49

Cases: 3,675 6/750mL

Mason Cellars has been creating classically styled, Napa Valley wines since 1993. We pride ourselves on high-quality sourcing through long-term grower relationships. We've grown our collection by spending time in these vineyards, making wines true to their varietal character that you can enjoy on any occasion.

#### Vineyard Information:

The 2020 Mason Chardonnay is sourced from the two sustainably farmed vineyards located in the southern end of Napa Valley, where vines enjoy morning fog, warm afternoon sun and cooling evening breezes from the nearby San Pablo Bay. Both vineyards were hand harvested at night to retain the structure and quality of the grapes on their way to crushing.

VISTA MONTONE VINEYARD: 64% of the fruit used in this blend was farmed in two unique blocks of our estate vineyard, Vista Montone. Planted in 1999, this vineyard is certified sustainable. Planted in deep, medium to well-draining clay loam soils to Dijon Clone 95 and Cabral offers naturally lower yields and an aromatic, balanced Chardonnay. SUSCOL CREEK VINEYARD: The remaining part of the blend is sourced from a vineyard planted to Dijon clone 76 in 1999 and grown in thick, rocky soils. Located on the

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#### Winemaking:

86% of the wine was barrel fermented and underwent malolactic fermentation before aging on the lees for 6 months, which adds complexity and roundness to the finished wine. 14% of the wine was fermented in stainless steel with no malolactic fermentation and lees stirred two times per week for six months, a staple winemaking technique for our Mason whites. The perfect balance of the two was then determined for the final blend, highlighting classic Napa Valley fruit characters.

### **Tasting Notes:**

The wine opens with inviting aromas of pear, honey and pineapple. On the palate, the wine is round and creamy with notes of oak beautifully integrated with the fruit flavors, all of which are complemented by a hint of vanilla and carry through the long and lingering finish.



