

# PRIDE

MOUNTAIN VINEYARDS

## 2018 CHARDONNAY

77% NAPA | 23% SONOMA

Pride Mountain Vineyards sits high atop Napa Valley's Spring Mountain, straddling the Napa | Sonoma county line. Located at the site of the historic Summit Ranch, where wine grapes have been grown since 1885, our beautiful setting includes wine caves dug deep into the mountains and the ruins of an old stone winery dating to 1890. The twisting twenty-minute drive west from St. Helena, or east from Santa Rosa, rewards visitors with a stunning view of rugged Mount St. Helena to the northeast and verdant vineyards rising skyward in all directions.

Our 85 vineyard acres are draped across the gentle rolling crest of the Mayacamas Mountains. Some 2000 feet above the floor of the Napa Valley, our vines receive more light, resulting in tannin and phenolic anti-oxidant levels that are higher than red grapes in the surrounding valleys. This is the main contributor to the broad-shouldered "mountain character" our red wines possess. Although we receive more sunshine, our climate is more even than that of the valley floor, allowing for great hang time potential into the fall. This enables winemaker Sally Johnson to balance the power, lusciousness, and structure of our fruit with freshness and complexity. Indeed, the aromatic and flavor nuances of our wines could only come from the unique woodland terroir of the ranch.

Pride Mountain Vineyards was founded in 1990 by Jim and Carolyn Pride. Today, the winery is owned by the second generation of the Pride family. Pride Mountain Vineyards is recognized as one of the "World's Greatest Wine Estates" by Robert Parker, Jr., joining just 22 other California wineries for this distinction. Pride wines have appeared numerous times on The Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of the World list, and have been served at the White House more than 30 times during the last two decades.

## THE WINE

While we farm a miniscule amount on the estate, generally speaking, the mountaintop has become too warm for Chardonnay. In replanting vineyards, we have focused on the Bordeaux varieties and identified incredible growers in cool climate regions with which to farm Chardonnay. With the 2018 vintage, lemon curd, Bartlett pear, and green apple are lifted by lilac, a subtle flintiness, and zested ginger spice. White peach, fines herbes, and sweet cream covered brioche layer the mid-palate while bright lemon-orange citrus and mineral bring refreshing zeal to carry through the textured and sumptuous finish.



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100% CHARDONNAY

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9 MONTHS

88% NEUTRAL BARREL

12% NEW FRENCH

vineyard locations

NAPA CARNEROS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

PETALUMA GAP

abv

14.1%

srp

\$45

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