

# CHANDON

## WINEMAKING AND VINEYARDS

### WINEMAKING

From the vineyards to the glass, Domaine Chandon marries the best of French tradition with new world innovation. In the style of Old World apprenticeships, the California-based winemakers have honed their craft with the winery's founders who brought proprietary yeast strains from France and knowledge of the art of blending. As a result, Chandon's Napa Valley winery uses centuries-old champagne methods and the traditional grape varieties of Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and Chardonnay, yet is able to showcase the rich fruit flavors of California's vibrant regional character. Using the special art of blending, Domaine Chandon's winemakers take as many as 100 unique base wines from over 50 vineyard blocks to create each sparkling cuvée. With a wide range of diverse characteristics, all of Chandon's sparkling wines embody the signature house style – harmonious balance, caressive mouthfeel and a long, soft, fresh finish.

### VINEYARDS

Domaine Chandon's largest vineyard holding is in Carneros, a region now renowned for producing excellent Pinot Noir and Chardonnay because of the cooling influences of the nearby San Pablo Bay. A pioneer in the region, Domaine Chandon has been farming its 800 acres for over 30 years. Domaine Chandon also owns vineyards surrounding the winery on the Yountville property and on the slopes of Mt. Veeder.

### SUSTAINABLE FARMING

A leader in viticulture as well as winemaking, Domaine Chandon is at the forefront of sustainable farming practices and continues to replenish, control, and in many cases restore the natural habitat. Domaine Chandon plants nutrient-rich cover crops, which have an added benefit of enhancing the Integrated Pest Management system. This concept of "farming with nature" creates an environment for beneficial insects like ladybugs and praying mantis that manage the population of unwanted insects. The winery tries to use preventative strategies and alternatives to chemical applications as much as possible. It also uses recycled water throughout the vineyards.

Domaine Chandon has been commended by the University of California, Davis for the creation and restoration of anti-erosion catch basins on its vineyard property. These catch basins help preserve the natural ecosystem by keeping soil in place and streams running clear and clean. The indigenous raptor population helps to naturally keep rodent pests at bay. Domaine Chandon enhances and encourages safe raptor habitat by providing owl boxes and raptor perches around its vineyard properties.

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