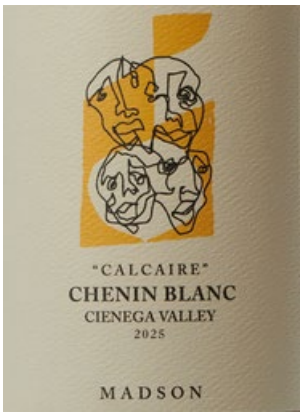
Madson
Santa Cruz Mountains



Chenin Blanc Calcaire, Cienaga Valley 2025

Sourced from Gimelli Vineyard, the 2025 Chenin Blanc Calcaire is a clean, precisely rendered example of the variety, opening with a pretty nose that combines orchard fruits with floral accents and a saline twist. Chiseled and slender in the mouth, it closes with a briny finish, refreshed by tangy acidity.

91 pts—Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, October 2026

Chardonnay Le Soleil, Santa Cruz Mountains 2025

A rebranded bottling previously referred to as the Santa Cruz Mountains Chardonnay, the 2025 Chardonnay Le Soleil is drawn from an array of vineyards across the region and delivers its quintessential profile in an accessible yet serious package. Orchard blossoms, citrus rinds, fresh herbs and a creamy backdrop introduce a sleek yet textural mouthfeel and a long, quenching finish.

92 pts—Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, October 2026

Pinot Noir Les Nuages, Santa Cruz Mountains 2025

Echoing the Chardonnay Le Soleil bottling, the 2025 Pinot Noir Les Nuages is the new branding from Madson's regional Santa Cruz Mountains Pinot Noir. Produced from press fractions of the vineyard-designate wines as well as other sources, it offers a textbook example of the region, opening with a lifted, red-fruited nose with citrus and maritime flourishes. Silky and focused in the mouth, it closes with a pure, refreshing finish anchored by discreet tannins.

92 pts—Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, October 2026

Syrah Côte Blonde, Central Coast 2025

The 2025 Syrah Côte Blonde is one of the most impressive regional Syrah bottlings I've tasted from California. Labeled Central Coast but produced entirely from Santa Cruz Mountains fruit in this vintage, it opens with a fantastic bouquet that is a dead ringer for savory, peppery and floral St. Joseph, while retaining the redwood duff and marine qualities inseparable from the area. The palate follows with an elastic textural mouthfeel and a long, soaring and simply delicious finish with meaty undertones and lifted acidity.

93 pts—Matthew Luczy, The Wine Advocate, October 2026

Gamay, Central Coast 2025

Tasted from amphora, the 2025 Gamay Central Coast is lean and light-footed, but powerfully aromatic and intoxicatingly attractive. Rooibos tea, hibiscus, tart blood orange and lavender explode from the glass. The 2025 is bracing, juicy and so distinctive. A total winner

92-94 pts—Billy Norris, Vinous Media, June 2026