



2020 Chardonnay

Sierra Madre Vineyard



VINEYARD

Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

The 2020 CRŪ Sierra Madre Chardonnay is sourced solely from the Sierra Madre Vineyard. First planted in 1971, the vineyard is located in Northern Santa Barbara County, near the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley. The Sierra Madre Vineyard is recognized as one of California's finest cool-climate vineyards and the coldest vineyard in the state leading to a long, drawn-out growing season.

WINE ANALYSIS

| Total Acid | 6.0 g/l | Varietal | 100% Chardonnay |
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| RS | 0 g/l | Appellation | Santa Maria Valley |
| рН | 3.44 | Aging Process | 16 Months French Oak |
| Finished Alcohol | 14.1% | | |
| Case Production | 115 | | |

APPELLATION DETAIL

Santa Maria Valley



TASTING NOTES

The Sierra Madre Chardonnay was aged 16 months in French oak barrels and went through malolactic fermentation leading to a soft and creamy texture while still keeping the stunning fruit notes. The wine opens with soft notes of honeysuckle baked pineapple and butterscotch before leading into rich flavors of spiced pear, pineapple, and vanilla. The finish is long and creamy with a lovely hint of Crème Brûlée.

The balance of creaminess and fruit in this showcase Chardonnay pairs beautifully with garlic and rosemary grilled lamb chops with roasted baby potatoes.

ACCOLADES

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