

2017

Chardonnay

Sierra Madre
Vineyard



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VINEYARD

Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

The 2017 CRŪ Sierra Madre Chardonnay is sourced solely from the Sierra Madre Vineyard. Located in Northern Santa Barbara County near the western edge of Santa Maria Valley, Sierra Madre Vineyard is the one of the coldest vineyards in California. This cool climate leads to a long growing season allows the grapes to develop deep and complex flavors.

WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	7.8 g/l	Varietal	100% Chardonnay
RS	0.5 g/l	Appellation	Santa Maria Valley
pH	3.32	Aging Process	9 Months French Oak, 20% New Barrels
Finished Alcohol	14.6%		
Case Production	187		

APPELLATION DETAIL

Santa Maria Valley



TASTING NOTES

The Sierra Madre Chardonnay was aged 9 months on the stirred lees in 20% new French Oak barrels. The wines were then inoculated for malolactic fermentation at the end of primary fermentation. The malolactic fermentation softened the natural acidity and cultivated aromas of green apple, pineapple and pie crust. The palate is fruit forward, yet full bodied with elegant cream, pear and baking spices. This stylish Chardonnay truly showcases the artisan craft of our winemaker.



ACCOLADES

90 Points, Gold – 2019 Winemaker Challenge
90 Points, Gold – 2019 Toast of the Coast
Gold – San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition