

2018 Chardonnay Sierra Madre Vineyard



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VINEYARD

Sierra Madre Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

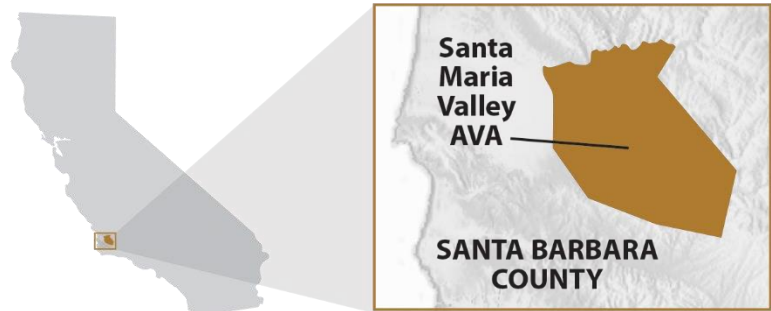
The 2018 CRŪ Sierra Madre Chardonnay is sourced solely from the Sierra Madre Vineyard. First planted in 1971, the vineyard is located in Northern Santa Barbara County, near the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley. The Sierra Madre Vineyard is recognized as one of California's finest cool-climate vineyards and the coldest vineyard in the state leading to a long, drawn-out growing season.

WINE ANALYSIS

Total Acid	0.9 g/l	Varietal	100% Chardonnay
RS	0.5 g/l	Appellation	Santa Maria Valley
pH	3.4	Aging Process	10 Months French Oak, 40% New Barrels
Finished Alcohol	13.8%		
Case Production	297		

APPELLATION DETAIL

Santa Maria Valley



TASTING NOTES

The Sierra Madre Chardonnay was aged 10 months on stirred lees in 40% new French Oak barrels. The wine also went through malolactic fermentation to soften the natural acidity and cultivate aromas of honeysuckle and vanilla. The palate is fruit forward, yet full bodied with spiced pear, lemon curd and butterscotch that lead into the long, creamy finish.

The balance of creaminess and fruit in this showcase Chardonnay pairs beautifully with crab in rich Chardonnay butter, herb roasted turkey or salad with bright fresh fruit.

ACCOLADES



92 Points, Gold - Monterey International Wine Competition

90 Points, Gold - LA Invitational Wine Competition

Silver – San Francisco Chronicle Competition