

2018 SIERRA MADRE VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

Retail Price: \$50.00 Alcohol %:13.8 Varietal: Chardonnay

Region: Santa Barbara County **Appellation**: Santa Maria Valley **Vineyards**: 100% Sierra Madre **Clones**: Robert Young, Clone 4

pH: 3.57

Malo: 100% Malolactic Fermenation Oak Regime: 100% French Oak, 45% New

Tasting Notes: Sierra Madre Vineyard is situated on a sandy, south-facing slope, and produces a wine that is concentrated, decadent and complex. Caramel, sea salt and nutmeg aromatics are balanced by ripe stone fruits, granny smith apples and honeydew. The wine's flamboyant attributes of richness and lusciousness are balanced by an acidic tension culminating with a long, velvety-textured finish.



98 points Jeb Dunnuck:

"The 2018 Chardonnay Sierra Madre Vineyard comes from a great site outside of Santa Maria and spent 18 months in 45% new French oak barrels. It's a slightly more reductive, salty Chardonnay with a vivid bouquet of nectarines, white peach, crushed stone and white flowers. Beautiful on the palate, it's tight and medium to full-bodied, with beautifully integrated acidity and a great finish. This is a wine that blossoms with time in the glass and has that rare mix of freshness and richness as well as length. It ranks with the finest Chardonnay in California and will keep for 4-6 years, if not longer." -Jeb Dunnuck

94 points Vinous:

"The 2018 Chardonnay Sierra Madre Vineyard is another wonderfully expressive inviting wine in this range. Ample and creamy in feel, the Sierra Madre shows the tropical profile that is often found in Chardonnays from Santa Maria. The marriage of depth and translucency here is positively striking. Tangerine oil, pineapple and floral accents linger on the close." -Antonio Galloni