

2017 Chardonnay Santa Maria Valley



Dierberg Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley

<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	Dierberg vineyard, approximately 160 acres were planted in 1997. Elevation being 800ft-850ft and located centrally in Santa Maria Valley between South Bench and North Ridge.
<i>Soil:</i>	Sandy Loam with heavy marine sediment
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Dijon Clone 76, Hudson Clone, Clone 15
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Block 1C, Block 1J, Block 1B
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	N/S rows, 8x5 spacing, 1089 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, minimal canopy
<i>Harvest:</i>	August 25 – September 28, 2017
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	24.0 brix, pH 3.41, TA: 0.64
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole bunch pressed, chilled to 35 degrees Fahrenheit and settled for 48 hours, racked to neutral French oak with natural fermentation initially then inoculated with CY0379 to completion. Spontaneous malo lactic fermentation, full lees contact during 18 months maturation, no fining, sterile filtration
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 13.4%
<i>Case production:</i>	160 Cases

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