



2012 chardonnay santa maria valley

wine information

Appellation Santa Maria Valley

Vineyards Bien Nacido - 89%
Presqu'île - 11%

Soils Elder Loam Alluvial Soils (BN)
Garey Sandy Loam &
Marina Sand Soils (PQ)

Clones 4, 5 & 75

Primary Fermentation 100% Stainless Steel

Stainless 80% tank aged

Oak 20% neutral oak

Cellar Aging 11 months

Alcohol by Volume 13.5%

pH 3.21

TA 6.57 g/L

RS 0.067%

Malolactic Fermentation 20% - 1.32g/L Malic Acid

Brix at Harvest 22.5

Harvest Date September 29, 2012

Bottling Date September 2, 2013

Cases Produced 1349

Magnum Cases 5

alta maria vineyards



Alta Maria focuses on producing estate grown Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from distinct vineyard sites in the cold, oceanic and windy climate of the Santa Maria Valley appellation in Northern Santa Barbara County. The landscape here is marked by an East - West oriented valley, which at its mouth, opens directly to the cold Pacific Ocean. This results in one of the most elongated growing seasons anywhere in the world allowing us to ripen fruit slowly and evenly.

Founded by 9th Generation Californian and viticulturist James Ontiveros and celebrated winemaker Paul Wilkins, Alta Maria's wines are honest by way of being directly reflective of the vineyards they come from. We strive to make the best wines possible in a very conscientious manner and employ organic and sustainable practices leaving no indelible mark on the people and places around us.

Our label artwork of hand-forged iron nails used by homesteaders before the Industrial Revolution, never ceases to remind us that Alta Maria's wines are individually unique and are only as good as the skill of the craftsman and the materials used.

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