

MIGRATION[®]

2012 SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHARDONNAY – DIERBERG VINEYARD

Migration is dedicated to crafting Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the finest cool-climate winegrowing regions to create wines that highlight lush fruit, bright acidity and impeccably balanced oak. Located atop a mesa overlooking the Santa Maria River, Dierberg Vineyard has emerged as one of Santa Maria Valley's great Chardonnay sites. Grown in sandy soils, Dierberg's meticulously farmed vines face the full force of the winds that sweep off the Pacific, producing low yields of concentrated Chardonnay. The result is a wine with length and force that is highlighted by bright acidity and beautiful peach, nectarine and white flower aromatics.

IN THE VINEYARD

The 2012 growing season offered near-ideal temperatures, and with no unseasonable frosts, we were able to set a full crop. Temperate weather throughout the summer and a lack of heat spikes, meant the fruit ripened slowly, developing rich flavors, while maintaining excellent acidity. Cooler fall weather slowed down ripening and allowed us to pick everything exactly when we wished. As a result, our 2012 whites show beautiful varietal character with a solid citrus base and abundant ripe tropical fruit.

COMMENTS FROM THE WINEMAKER

Dierberg Vineyard always produces a rich and aromatic expression of Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay, and this wine is no exception. From its alluring orange blossom, fresh pineapple, brown sugar and green apple aromas to its intense palate weight and bright acidity, this is a lush, complex wine. At the same time, it displays lovely balance and incredible length with just a touch of well-integrated oak.

VARIETAL CONTENT

100% Chardonnay

HARVEST INFORMATION

Harvest Dates: September 26, 2012

Average Sugar at Harvest: 24° Brix

1 Vineyard Harvested

COOPERAGE

100% Barrel Fermentation

100% French Oak

35% New Oak, 65% Second Vintage

Barrel Aging: 10 Months

TECHNICAL DATA

75% Malolactic

Alcohol: 14.5%

0.57 g/100 ml titratable acidity

pH: 3.39

Bottled: July 2013

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