

## 2005 Dierberg Vineyard Chardonnay



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<i>Appellation:</i>	Santa Maria Valley – Santa Barbara County
<i>Vineyard Site:</i>	162 acres (30 of which are Chardonnay) of undulating hills with northern exposures running east-west on the southern flank of the appellation, 16 miles from the coast. Coordinates: 34,52, 31 N 120, 19, 35 W
<i>Soil:</i>	Shallow sandy loam underlain with sandstone.
<i>Clone/Rootstock:</i>	Dijon 76 and Wente on Schwartzman
<i>Vineyard blocks:</i>	Blocks 1-B, 1-D, 1-E, 1-F Planted in 1997
<i>Vineyard mgmt.</i>	N/S rows, 8x5 spacing, 1089 vines per acre Vertical shoot positioning, spur pruned, unilateral cordon
<i>Harvest:</i>	September 6-16 Yield: 1.85TPA
<i>Juice statistics:</i>	25 brix, pH3.1, TA .85
<i>Vinification:</i>	Whole cluster membrane pressed, 30% stainless and 70% barrel fermentation, malolactic in barrel with periodic stirring, 16 months on lees in 40% new French oak with no racking. Bottled 2/13/07
<i>Wine profile:</i>	100% Chardonnay, alcohol 14.4%
<i>Case production:</i>	145
<i>Characteristics:</i>	Our fourth vintage from this vineyard produced a wine of complexity. One the one hand, there are riper than average flavors owing to the warmth during harvest, yet these components are supported by a coiled spring of firm acidity. The aromas are of citrus, pear, fig and honey. This wine would pair well with pork loin with mustard seed glaze.

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