



# RUSACK

## 2016 RESERVE CHARDONNAY

SANTA MARIA VALLEY



*The grapes for our Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay Reserve came from the famous Bien Nacido vineyard and Sierra Madre vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley appellation. After being pressed and settled, the juice was barrel-fermented in a mixture of new (59 %) and older French oak barrels. After primary fermentation was completed, the Chardonnay then went through total malolactic fermentation. The lees were stirred over a 4-month period with a total barrel aging time of 10 months.*

Long before Chardonnay was widely produced throughout the United States, a small band of vintners from Santa Maria were experimenting with this classic varietal. They discovered that Santa Maria's long, cool growing season and maritime influences create Chardonnays of greater dimension. Our Reserve reflects these qualities, and is tinged with the vibrant scents of ripe stone fruits, Meyer lemon, and orange zest.

Vintage:	2016
Varietal:	100% Chardonnay
Appellation:	Santa Maria Valley
Grower/Ranch:	54% Sierra Madre (Santa Maria Valley AVA), 46% Bien Nacido (Santa Maria Valley AVA)
Produced & Bottled by:	Rusack Vineyards, Solvang, CA
Bottling Date:	July 15th, 2016
Cases Produced:	637 cases
Retail Price:	\$36.00
Release Date:	November 2016
Fermentation:	Barrel fermented, 100% malolactic Lees stirred for four months
Aging:	10 months 100% French Oak Barrels (59% New)
Bottle Analysis:	Alcohol: 14.4% pH: 3.41 TA: 0.718g/100ml

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