



RUSACK

2015 CHARDONNAY, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



The truly distinctive flavors from the cool Northern and Western extremes of Santa Barbara County come together in this bottle. Here, our love of blending has resulted in a marriage of exceptional fruit aromas with carefully balanced acidity, capturing the best qualities of the area. Honeydew melon, Asian pear, orange blossom, as well as citrus notes, are highlighted in this appealingly crisp white wine.

The grapes for our Santa Barbara County Chardonnay hail from two cool-climate vineyards within the County – Bien Nacido and Sierra Madre vineyards in Santa Maria Valley. After being pressed and settled, the juice was barrel fermented in a mixture of new (39%) and older French oak barrels. The lees were stirred for four months, and the wine underwent a full malolactic fermentation. The Chardonnay aged 10 months in barrel before being released in April 2017. 1,582 cases were produced.

Appellation: Santa Barbara County

Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Produced & Bottled By: Rusack Vineyards, Solvang Ca

Bottling Date: July 14th 2016

Cases Produced: 1582

Release Date: April 2017

Grower/Ranch: Bien Nacido (72%), Sierra Madre (28%)

Fermentation: Barrel fermented, 100% malolactic, lees stirred for four months

Aging: 100% French oak, 39% new oak, Aged for 10 months

Bottle analysis: Alcohol 14.4%, pH 3.25, ta 0.751 g/100ml