



# WILD HORSE

UNBRIDLED

## **2009 Unbridled Chardonnay** Bien Nacido Vineyards, Santa Maria Valley

### **OVERVIEW**

At Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards, the free-spirited attitude, driving curiosity and passion for fine winemaking are what make us unique. Our success is rooted in a commitment to crafting wines that are consistently high in quality. Located South of Paso Robles, in Templeton, California, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards crafts compelling wines from 16 diverse appellations and more than 50 vineyards in California's Central Coast. "Enjoy Naturally" reflects the attitude and personalities of the people who have been creating these wines for over 25 years.

### **VINEYARDS**

A relatively cool, dry 2009 growing season provided rather ideal growing conditions for most varieties throughout California's Central Coast. The Chardonnay grapes at Bien Nacido Vineyard in Santa Maria Valley were allowed ample time to ripen and were harvested just in time before the first storm of the season drenched California's Central Coast in mid-October.

### **WINEMAKING**

Sourced from one block within the highly acclaimed Bien Nacido Vineyard, the grapes were 100% hand harvested and delivered via refrigerated truck to Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards. Upon delivery to the winery, the grapes were pressed whole cluster using a bladder press. Hard press was separated from free run and processed separately. The Chardonnay was fermented in 100% French Oak barrels and stirred weekly for three months to enhance mouth feel and provide self fining. This Unbridled Chardonnay was aged in 50% new French oak for 12 months.

### **WINEMAKER NOTES**

Our 2009 vineyard designate Unbridled Chardonnay contains opulent notes of apple crisp, lemon, and mouth watering crème brulee characteristics. A spectacular selection for drinking now or laying down in the cellar, pair this wine with fine aged cheeses or grilled scallops with honeydew-avocado salsa.

### **TECHNICAL**

Composition: 100 % Chardonnay  
Appellation: Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley  
pH: 3.45  
TA: 6.79 g/100mL  
Alc: 14.5%