



TECHNICAL

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Winemakers: Clay Brock & Chrissy Wittmann

Blend Composition: 100% Chardonnay

Barrel Composition:
100% French Oak, 35% New

Wine Chemistry:

TA: 7.48 g/L

pH: 3.61

Alc: 14.5% by volume

Incoming Brix: 25.0°



WILD HORSE
WINERY & VINEYARDS

{ UNBRIDLED
CHARDONNAY }
2011

Located south of Paso Robles in California's Central Coast, Wild Horse Winery & Vineyards was named for the wild mustangs that once roamed the hills east of the vineyard estate. A free-spirited attitude and long-term relationships with the Central Coast's most renowned vineyards has allowed Wild Horse to make exceptional wines for over 30 years.

THE VINEYARDS

Unlike previous vintages of our Unbridled Chardonnay, which have been vineyard designates, this wine is almost a fifty-fifty blend of two outstanding vineyards: Bien Nacido and a new, up-and-coming vineyard named Rancho Real. Bien Nacido Vineyard is located up on a bench in the southeast corner of the Santa Maria Valley, and Rancho Real is on south-facing slopes west of the Santa Maria River. Both vineyards have well-drained sandy soils and maritime influence, resulting in classic Santa Maria Valley style Chardonnays.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were 100% hand harvested and delivered to Wild Horse Winery. Upon arrival, the grapes were pressed as whole clusters using a bladder press. The Chardonnay was fermented in 100% French oak barrels and stirred bi-weekly for three months to enhance mouthfeel and provide self fining. This Unbridled Chardonnay was aged in 35% new French oak with the balance of one-to two-year-old oak for 14 months.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our 2011 Unbridled Chardonnay is lush and elegant with distinct flavors and aromas of apple pie, lemon tart, and vanilla custard from oak aging and lees contact. With a complexity of flavors and mouthwatering acidity, pair this wine with Maryland-style crab cakes, pumpkin ravioli, or baked Alaskan halibut with a topping of corn and red pepper salsa. Tastes exceptional now or lay down for up to five years.



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