

BROPHY CLARK™

Working with small lots, John and Kelley Brophy are able to handcraft each wine and personally handle all phases of the winemaking process. Vineyard blocks are hand-selected by Kelley and John tailors winemaking techniques to each lot, bringing to life the varietal character and vineyard expression of the fruit.



Chardonnay

HARVEST

Santa Barbara County began the growing season with cool, dry days. By late August temperatures warmed up significantly and harvest started earlier than expected. The long, cool summer followed by the warmer weather during harvest allowed for excellent color and flavor development along with larger yields than the previous two vintages.

VINEYARDS

The Garey Vineyard was planted in 1998 by the Robert Mondavi Winery in the heart of Santa Maria Valley. The terroir is one of gently rolling slopes with sandy loam soils. The Cambria Vineyard is part of the Jackson Family Estates. The vineyard is on the Santa Maria Mesa Bench and is part of the original Tepusquet Vineyard planted in the late 70s. Both vineyards are planted to Clone 4 Chardonnay.

WINEMAKING

The Chardonnay grapes were hand-picked into half-ton bins and gently pressed in a tank press. The juice was cold-settled for 36 hours and then racked off the juice lees, inoculated with yeast and immediately transferred to new French and one-year-old American oak barrels for fermentation in the cool cellar. After the primary fermentation was complete, the barrels were topped and moved to a 65 degree cellar to undergo malolactic fermentation. During malolactic the barrels were stirred every 10 days, and after stirred every 14 days through April. The wine remained in barrels until fall when it was racked to tank, and filtered once before bottling in March.

TASTING NOTES

This delightful and lavish Chardonnay is highlighted by flavors of peach, pear and spiced apples. Hints of butterscotch, toffee, vanilla and caramel balance out the fruitiness that entrusts an elegant long lingering finish. This Chardonnay is a wonderfully vivid wine that is rich and creamy yet fresh.



Varietal	100% Chardonnay	TA	6.6 g/L
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley	pH	3.31
Vineyard	Garey and Cambria	Alcohol	14.3%
Harvest	October 12, 2009	Bottling date	March 5, 2011
Production	300 cases		

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