

# 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 experienced a very cool growing season with the summer months being unusually cool and foggy. This allowed for a very long hang time and slow ripening of the fruit resulting in excellent flavors and chemistry. Yields were above average for this area and quality was excellent due to the cool summer months and extra hang time.

### VINEYARDS

The Garey Vineyard was planted in 1998 by the Robert Mondavi Winery in the heart of the Santa Maria Valley. The terroir is one of gently rolling slopes with sandy loam soils. The Sierra Madre Vineyard is one of the original Santa Maria Valley Vineyards. It was purchased by the Robert Mondavi Winery in the late 90's and was redeveloped with the newly released Dijon clones of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The clones for this vintage are Clone 4 and 15.

### WINEMAKING

The whole-clusters of 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 40% new, 30% one-year-old and 30% two-year-old French 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. The wine remained in barrels until fall when it was racked to tank, and filtered once before bottling in November.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromas of honeysuckle and white peach lead into a lengthy mid-palate of fresh pineapple and caramel-dipped apple. Bright and crisp, the finish balances the tropical fruit with hints of toffee, vanilla, and clove that linger on the palate.



Varietal	100% Chardonnay
Appellation	Santa Maria Valley
Vineyard	Garey & Sierra Madre
Harvest	October 13, 2010
Production	1200 cases

TA	8.0 g/L
pH	3.30
Alcohol	14.2%
Bottling date	November 10th, 2011

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