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Dierberg Vineyard

[2005 Dierberg Vineyard Chardonnay Estate Grown Santa Maria Valley](#) **90**

(\$36) Yellow-gold. Leesy pear, nectarine and white peach on the nose, with an exotic smoked meat quality adding depth. Ripe and round, displaying focused orchard fruit flavors and gentle acidity. Picks up a gingerbread note on the long, juicy finish. Just shy of exotic, and a serious palate-stainer.



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Chardonnay

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[90 DIERBERG VINEYARD Chardonnay Estate Grown Santa Maria Valley 2005](#)

This sleek and firmly built Chardonnay trades on freshness and precise, slightly juicy, green-apple fruit far more than its does on obvious ripeness, and it slowly reveals complexing mineral notes and nicely fit oak. Crisp and refreshing without veering to stiff-ness, it offers a fine look at cool-climate grapes and will star in the company of richer shellfish.

   **\$36.00**

