



**90 points**

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Chablisian, with mineral infused lemon and pear flavors"



*Stephen Tanzer's*

**International Wine Cellar 90**

**Dierberg Vineyard 2005 Chardonnay**

Ripe and round, displaying focused orchard fruit flavors and gentle acidity. Picks up a gingerbread note on the long, juicy finish.



**✦ 90 DIERBERG VINEYARD Chardonnay**

**Estate 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.