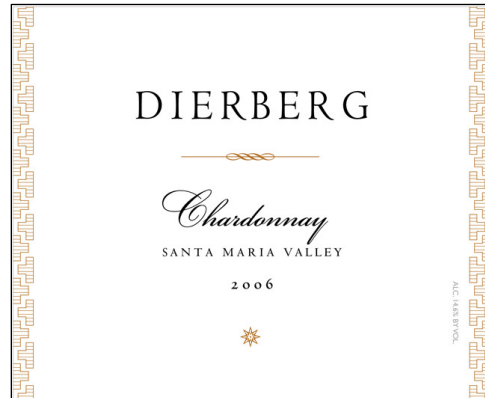




**2006 Dierberg Chardonnay Estate Grown
Santa Maria Valley, \$32**



92
points

"Just beautiful...."




Displays good terroir qualities of extraordinary ripeness, spiciness and crisp, cool-climate acidity. Just beautiful, with exotic flavors of grilled pineapples, honeysuckle, lemondrop, cinnamon and buttered toast. —S.H.



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Chardonnay Estate Grown Santa Maria Valley**

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October 2009

Incredibly expressive aromas of roasted walnuts, charred wood and very ripe Golden Delicious apples start this wine out on its own singular track, and even though its toasty, oaky character claims center stage in the mouth as well, the wine has more than enough fruit and supportive acidity to be attractive. Indeed, its depth and range make it serious stuff, and, if some will judge it to be over the top, others will accept that its mix of power and majesty are worth embracing.    **\$32.00**

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90 points Bright yellow. Smoky tangerine, apple and quince paste on the nose, with a good lashing of oak spices. Lush, creamy citrus and orchard fruit flavors are complemented by notes of peach pit, vanilla and clove, with gentle minerality lending spine. Supple, creamy and smoky chardonnay with strong finishing lift and sweet persistence. I'd drink this sexy, deeply fruity wine now.