

# 2021 DIERBERG VINEYARD CHARDONNAY

## STA. RITA HILLS

ALCOHOL  
13.2%

AGED  
10 months

OAK  
50% 1400 gal German Feudre;  
50% 400L Neutral French

HARVESTED  
September 2021

BOTTLED  
June 2022

CELLAR LIFE  
10+ years

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### HARVEST NOTES

In Santa Barbara, the 2021 vintage provided a good growing season with ideal ripening weather. Tyler Thomas, winemaker at Dierberg Vineyard, noted cool mornings, ample fog, and no significant heat events. The vintage progressed smoothly with yields matching historical averages. Wines are showing excellent flavor depth, lower alcohol levels, and higher acidity. "We are very excited about the ability to promote energy in wines with terrific depth and generosity," says Thomas.

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92 Points  
Jeb Dunnuck

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Weather during the ripening period was about as ideal as you could ask for in Santa Barbara County in 2021, with little-to-no heat events. The fog was ample in the mornings which helped push our harvest in the Sta. Rita Hills out a couple of weeks and I think contributed to great depth while we were able to maintain acidity. Our technique with this wine was consistent with the previous vintage and consistent with maximizing Drum Canyon: whole-cluster pressing, and an anaerobic ML which helps the wine achieve texture without butter.

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### TASTING NOTES

Ripe melon and apple, with the hallmark mineral of Drum Canyon. Says Jeb Dunnuck, "[The 2021] is a nicely textured, rounded, lengthy Chardonnay that represents a great value. It comes all from the estate vineyard and should have an easy 4-5 years of prime drinking." **92 Points**

"These Dierberg releases are made by Tyler Thomas and have pure, classy, impeccably made profiles." Jeb Dunnuck

"The quality and consistency of the Chardonnay coming from Santa Barbara County today is truly incredible, and you don't have to spend a lot of money either. Most estate's entry-level cuvées are exceptional and give many of their more expensive single vineyard releases a run for their money." Jeb Dunnuck