

Au Bon Climat



2022

Chardonnay “Mission” Santa Maria Valley

Our Santa Maria Valley Mission label is crafted by renowned Japanese ink artist, Drue Kataoka, available exclusively in Japan. This wine offers immediate enjoyment with a serene and transparent character, perfect for early indulgence.

Should your journeys lead you to Asia, Au Bon Climat is featured on numerous wine lists—a testament to Jim Clendenen’s enduring connections and celebrity status within the Japanese wine community. Japan remains our second-largest export market, thanks to our longstanding relationships and the enduring appeal of our wines.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

HARVEST: September 23, 2022

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido

ACIDITY: 7.2 g/L

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

pH: 3.25

COOPERAGE:
12 months, neutral François
Frères French oak

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

Tasting Notes

This Chardonnay presents an aromatic bouquet bursting with starfruit, pineapple, and lemongrass. Upon sipping, it reveals a medium-weight body, showcasing flavors of lemon-lime, complemented by hints of toasted coconut and brioche that linger on the finish.

Food Pairings

Pair this decadent Chardonnay with coconut shrimp and pineapple salsa, curry chicken with lemon-grass infused jasmine rice, or a lemon-lime glazed salmon.

From The Winemaker

At Bien Nacido, regarded as the crown jewel of the Santa Maria Valley, sustainable farming practices continually enhance the vineyard’s quality. With numerous clones thriving in its terroir, Bien Nacido’s Chardonnay stands out for its captivating aromatics and minerality, which gracefully transition onto the palate. Meanwhile, Rancho Ontiveros, situated in the valley’s southern expanse, produces wines of remarkable depth and character. Vines are grown in nutrient-depleted soils at elevation, which yields exceptional wines year after year. This wine, aged for one year in neutral French oak, preserves its vibrant fruit character and freshness, reflecting the unique essence of its terroir.

Au Bon Climat & Clendenen Family Vineyards

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