



SIERRA MADRE *Vineyard*

● ● ● First planted in 1971, Santa Barbara's Sierra Madre Vineyard has long been recognized as one of the state's finest cool-climate vineyards; its fruit part of the foundation for one of California's premier wine growing regions.

The vineyard is in Northern Santa Barbara County, near the western edge of the Santa Maria Valley, one of the state's most coveted appellations. The light-textured, well-drained, sandy-loam soils cultivated here nourish low-yielding vines to set clusters with small berries, intense with flavor, color and concentration.

Arguably California's coolest grape growing region, this coastal valley is equally well-suited to both Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, as cold Pacific air blankets the vineyard each summer afternoon. This natural moderation of heat accumulation slows ripening in the developing grapes, allowing for extended 'hang-time' to deliver vibrant fruit character, while retaining crisp, fresh acidity in the resulting wines.

Sierra Madre Vineyard wines, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, were introduced in 2008, by owners Doug and Jan Circle, to celebrate the heritage of this fine vineyard.

