

alta maria

2021 chardonnay santa maria valley



Alta Maria was conceived as a place for collaboration, exploration, and growth outside of our family-controlled Estate Vineyards. The name Alta Maria is a tribute to two things that are real and have deep, direct connection. Alta California has been home to my family since 1781. Specifically, the Santa Maria Valley has been our home since 1855. The Ontiveros farming and ranching family is now 10 generations strong. Alta Maria is family owned, we are farmers first, vineyard focused. Our fruit sourcing has expanded, as our proprietary vineyards have, throughout Santa Barbara County through many friends & partnerships. We bring vast experience from our vineyards to the bottle.

Tasting Notes: The aromatics are led by citrus flowers, lemon, verbena, tea, Granny Smith, and crab apple tartness, but a slight touch of Troncais spice. Midweight, both taught and mouth filling. It's both balanced and generous and texture with a pleasant lingering finish.

Vineyards:	Nielson, Gold Coast
Vintner:	James Ontiveros
Soils:	Alluvial Elder and Pleasanton series shaley loam. Silty-sandy loam, wind blown.
Fermentation:	Whole cluster pressing
Cellar Aging:	40% new French oak with Malolactic fermentation.
Alc.:	12.6 %
pH:	3.41
TA:	6.3 g/L
R.S.:	1.8g/L

THE ARTWORK: Each label features debossed hand forged & hammered square nails, made in the original structure, the blacksmith shop at Rancho Ontiveros, circa 1883. Like our wine their unique qualities are determined by the skill of the craftsman, and quality of the materials.

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