



2023 CHARDONNAY

CLIMA FRÍO

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Our Clima Frío wines replace what we used to call Santa Barbara County cuvees. While that appellation-level name fit our Burgundian inspirations at The Ojai Vineyard, the name didn't adequately capture what we're doing in the region. Santa Barbara County is a large appellation with intense East-West temperature gradients, even within the Sta. Rita Hills, where some Eastern pockets are better suited to Syrah and Grenache than they are for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.

The Clima Frío (or cool-climate) wines express our commitment to the coolest, most Western viticultural pockets of our region. Places where each variety benefits from ocean influence that ensures slow, gradual ripening and retention of nuance and natural acidity.

This 2023 Clima Frío Chardonnay comes from grapes grown at Rancho Ontiveros in the Santa Maria Valley (56%), along with fruit from Yellow Foxtrot (44%), a newer planting that's nestled in the hills very close to Lompoc (just Northwest of the Sta. Rita Hills).

PRESS REVIEWS

VINOUS, Antonio Galloni

"The 2023 Chardonnay Clima Frío is fabulous. Rich, creamy and expansive, the 2023 offers striking depth for an appellation-level wine. Apricot, tangerine peel, hazelnut and lightly honeyed notes build into the deep, resonant finish." **93 Points**

BLEND 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS Rancho Ontiveros (56%), Yellow Foxtrot (44%)

AVA Santa Barbara County

ALCOHOL 13.0%

VINIFICATION barrel fermented, aged on lees until bottling

BARREL AGING 9 months in French oak, 5% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 989 Cases

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