

2024 CHARDONNAY CLIMA FRÍO

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

TASTING NOTE:

Sourced from two vineyards on the western fringes of Santa Barbara County, this Chardonnay reflects the strong influence of the nearby ocean. Coastal aromas of sea spray and chalk are layered with candied lemon, almond blossom, and a leesy note reminiscent of sugar cookies. The palate is beautifully harmonious, balancing nervy citrus with white nectarine and Honeycrisp apple. Terrific balance carries through to a finish marked by delicate spice, subtle leesy richness, and refreshing stony minerality.

ABOUT CLIMA FRÍO:

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 2024 Clima Frío Chardonnay comes from grapes grown at Yellow Foxtrot (69%), a newer planting that's nestled in the hills very close to Lompoc (just Northwest of the Sta. Rita Hills) and Strange Vineyard (31%) located in Sta. Rita Hills.

BLEND 100% Chardonnay

VINEYARDS 69% Yellow Foxtrot & 31% Strange Vineyard

AVA Santa Barbara County

ALCOHOL 13.0%

VINIFICATION barrel fermented with native yeast, aged on lees until bottling

BARREL AGING 10 months in French oak, 14% new

TOTAL PRODUCTION 841 Cases

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