



2005 Tinaquaic Vineyard Chardonnay Santa Maria Valley

Our ten-acre estate vineyard lies above Foxen Canyon within the historic Rancho Tinaquaic on a south-eastern facing slope above the winery. Personally planted in 1989 by Dick Doré and Bill Wathen, the Tinaquaic Vineyard is dry-farmed, which results in extremely low yielding vines and intensely-flavored fruit. Five acres of this vineyard is planted with Wente Clone Chardonnay that produces exceptionally small clusters resulting in intense, minerally flavors. Another two acres is planted with the classic Clone 4, producing slightly larger berries with flavors more typical of classic Santa Maria Valley Chardonnay.

Winemaker's Notes:

Notes of citrus and orange blossoms greet the nose are followed by distinctive Tinaquaic Vineyard minerality and ripe citrus flavors in the mouth. A full mouth feel is beautifully balanced by excellent acidity—making for an exceptionally expansive finish. □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ -- Bill Wathen, winemaker

Vineyard Composition:

Clones: 60% Wente ; 40% Clone 4

Production: 900 cases