

## La Pelle

## 2022 Chardonnay ~ Santa Maria Valley Bien Nacido - Block I {1973}

The esteemed Block I within the Bien Nacido Vineyard is one of a kind, own rooted and planted in 1973. We make it in a very traditional way to showcase the depth of the site.

The wine opens with a bouquet of sweet pear, lemon zest, and delicate white flowers, complemented by a hint of golden apple and flint. On the palate, a great mix of creamy texture and vibrant acidity, crushed rock minerality with citrus, and a hint of toasted oak.

Fermented and aged in 25% new French oak for 10 months, then finished in stainless steel until bottling. This Chardonnay is balanced, finishing with a crisp and lingering freshness, representing the distinct site.

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