



## OVERVIEW

After a ten year search throughout California, Jim and Mary Dierberg selected the far eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley as the right place to grow premium Bordeaux varietals, and developed the Star Lane vineyard. Two cool-climate properties closer to the Pacific Ocean's maritime influence were chosen as ideal for growing world-class Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The Dierberg Vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley has gained renown for the quality of these Burgundian grapes, and a second vineyard in the Santa Rita Hills AVA is currently under development. Three Saints Wines are a vivid expression of carefully selected grapes from each of these vineyards in the three premier growing areas of Santa Barbara County.

## THREE SAINTS

The focus on quality and attention to detail which has always been the driving force when planting the vineyards carries over to winemaking. The winemaking team believes in natural winemaking techniques, along with rigorous fruit selection in order to craft sophisticated wines. Three Saints wines are crafted by winemaker Nicholas de Luca at the Star Lane estate winery. Nick is joined by consulting winemakers David Ramey and Paul Hobbs in their quest to produce wines that reflect some of the finest terroir in California.

### THE VINEYARDS

#### Santa Maria Valley

The Dierberg Vineyard in Santa Maria vineyard was planted in 1997, and is a series of small undulating hills with southern exposures and sandy loam soil. Ten different Pinot Noir clones and seven different Chardonnay clones were initially matched with a variety of limiting rootstocks to maximize the options in the vineyard. Clonal selections have been enhanced with cuttings from legendary California vineyards, including chardonnay from Hudson, Hyde and Robert Young, as well as Pinot Noir from Calera and Joseph Swan.

#### Santa Ynez Valley

Star Lane is a quilt-like vineyard with valley floor, bench and mountain-top blocks each planted to rootstock and clones chosen specifically for that unique site. The different elevations, soils and climates of Star Lane mean that it is managed as a "vineyard within a vineyard" because of the many aspects and microclimates. The lower elevations enjoy warmer days and cooler nights, with the higher elevations the reverse. With planting first begun in 1996, there are now eighty separate blocks planted, comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah.

#### Santa Rita Hills

Currently under development, the Dierberg Vineyard in Santa Rita Hills is being planted exclusively to Pinot Noir. The sixteen acre hillside vineyard is located on the eastern end of the appellation, quickly becoming recognized worldwide for the quality of wines produced here.

### THREE SAINTS WINE TRAITS

- \* Wines that are a vivid expression of each of the three premier growing areas in Santa Barbara County
- \* Wines that are genuine to each varietal, sophisticated and elegant
- \* Value oriented

### Three Saints

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