



## 2010 Sierra Mar Vineyard Chardonnay

*Pelérin Wines*

As proprietor of ROAR Wines, Rosella's Vineyard, and partner in The Garys' Vineyard, in the cooler north end of the appellation, Gary Franscioni is certainly at the forefront of the reputation of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Sierra Mar Vineyard is his newest project, and one very dear to him. The property has been in his family for three generations, and it occupies a perfect location at the warmer south end of the SLH, at an elevation of 850 feet, near Pisoni Vineyard. Facing slightly more to the east, it receives a bit more of the afternoon sea breeze and is therefore a few degrees cooler on average than Pisoni. This mountainside property consists of exceptionally well drained gravelly soil – containing a high percentage of decomposed granite. Even as a young vineyard, dedication to low yields and careful irrigation and canopy management is engaging the site's vast potential; thanks to Gary, who is a meticulous and ruthless grower in his quest to grow the very finest grapes. We endeavor to put those traits into our impassioned pursuit of making great wine.

The aromas and flavors of the 2010 Sierra Mar Vineyard Chardonnay center on fresh cut fuji apple with some lime zest, and clover honey shadings. There is a finely balanced interplay between the vanillin elements at the edge and a lively and persistent component of pear that ties everything together on the finish.

Harvested September 19th, 2010

24.1 brix at harvest

Yield: approximately 2.61 tons per acre (on 1 & 1/2 ac.)

2.1 tons of clone 95, and 1.8 tons of clone 96, were hand-picked, pressed, and fermented separately.

Precision in the fermentation, which took 28 days to complete, and in the elevage, kept things focused and refined without sacrificing richness. The wine was stirred gently a few times over the winter, but was otherwise left untouched until final blending and bottling – unfiltered and unfiltered.

### VINTAGE

2010

### VARIETAL

Chardonnay

### BARREL AGING

8 months

bottled May 5th, 2011

### COOPERAGE

22% new French oak barrels

33% 1 year old puncheons  
(350L)

45% 4 and 5 year old neutral  
barrels

### PRODUCTION

216 cases

### COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay