

# BYRON

## NIELSON VINEYARD

2014 CHARDONNAY

### WINERY DESCRIPTION

A good share of Byron winemaking takes place in the vineyard, where winemaker Jonathan Nagy selects individual rows and blocks for their potential to express both variety and site – focusing particularly on clones that best exemplify Byron’s balanced, textural and site-expressive style.

### WINE DESCRIPTION

This wine features cuttings from the original “Wente” clone planted on our estate in 1964. These vines produce a mix of berry sizes with the larger ones providing ripe, fruit-focused flavors and the smaller ones adding firm acidity and minerality, giving us a wine that is lightly floral, rich and concentrated with hints of apricots and wet stone.

### THE WINE

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| APPELLATION          | SANTA MARIA VALLEY                  |
| VARIETAL COMPOSITION | 100% CHARDONNAY                     |
| BARREL REGIME        | 15 months in French Oak,<br>54% new |
| CASES PRODUCED (9L)  | 348                                 |

### THE VINEYARD

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| CLIMATE                     | COOL, MARINE INFLUENCE  |
| SOIL TYPE                   | ALLUVIAL OUTCROPPINGS, SANDY<br>LOAM, BENCHLAND SOILS           |
| DISTANCE FROM PACIFIC OCEAN | 18 MILES  |
| ELEVATION                   | 500 TO 800 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL                                 |
| YEAR PLANTED                | FIRST COMMERCIAL VINEYARD PLANTED<br>IN 1964, REPLANTED IN 2000 |
| CLONES                      | WENTE, 95, 76   |
| ASPECT                      | SOUTH FACING SLOPE  |
| SUSTAINABLE                 | CCSW CERTIFIED, SIP CERTIFIED                                   |

### BYRON WINERY

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