

2012 CHARDONNAY

First things first.

Groundwork is all about the fundamentals. Putting to use the empirical knowledge he has gained from making wine for his first label, Sans Liege Wines, Curt Schalchlin seeks to bring his experience to a new set of wines that embrace the soul and simple living of the Rhone. Groundwork is built upon Curt's comfort and confidence as a winemaker, instructing him to trust in the fruit, + the vineyards, and his own rich experience as guides.



GROUNDWORK

All the wonder, rarity and nervy energy of being asked to dance by the one you've had your eye on. Scents of an impossibly expensive evening: **bergamot**, young peach, **white rose**, tagine, a subtle stirring of true **cinnamon** and **fresh cream** are met with crinkly acidity like pretending not to notice the acute sense that people are talking.

THE FACTS

Appellation: Santa Maria Valley

Vineyards: Gold Coast Vineyard, Rows 7-9

Alc: 13.6%

Production: 2 barrels

Aging: 17 months on the lees in 25% new French barriques

Release Date: April 26th, 2014

Aging Potential: 4-6 years

Serving Recommendations: Chill slightly, 10-15 minutes in the fridge, pull the cork and enjoy!

OVERVIEW

Rare

(Only 2 barrels made)

Vineyard Designate

(showcasing 1 varietal and 1 vineyard)

Second Label of Sans Liege