

# FOLKTALE

WINERY & VINEYARDS



## 2016 MONTEREY COUNTY CHARDONNAY

<b>Appellation:</b>	Monterey County
<b>Composition:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>Oak:</b>	15% Neutral French Oak
<b>Alc. by Vol.:</b>	14.3%
<b>Best to Drink:</b>	Now through 2026

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our Chardonnay begins with fruit directly adjacent to the Arroyo Seco River located in the Arroyo Seco AVA of Monterey County. The vineyard's proximity to the river creates a warm microclimate and features deep, sandy soil with alluvial fan components and scattered cobblestone which provide the unique mineral terroir. The unique soil matrix of this vineyard contributes to the signature creamy, tropical character of the Folktale Chardonnay.

We hand-pick our grapes in half ton bins to ensure the best quality wine. The wine was partially fermented in tank and neutral French Oak barrels and underwent 100% malolactic fermentation. Finally, the wine then aged in 15% neutral French Oak for 6 months before bottling.

Monterey County has a way of bringing out the best in Chardonnay, consistently providing us with elegant and complex fruit thanks to the unique terroir of the region. Like past vintages, tropical notes take the stage with notes of mango, banana, and dried apricot, along with hints of kiwi, rich minerality, and the warmth of buttered brioche toast. Enjoy chilled with your favorite seafood dishes.