

# GOLDEN

## 2017 Monterey County Chardonnay

The hills of California turn golden yellow each summer to match the golden sand beaches and deserts. The warm golden sun, cool ocean air, fertile soils, and respect for land make for incredible growing conditions every vintage. When things are perfect and you're set up for success, we like to say "You're golden." With that spirit, in celebration of life and everything we love about the Golden State, we are excited for you to experience our newest wine, Golden.

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CHARDONNAY BEVERAGE TASTING INSTITUTE  
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### VINEYARD NOTES

Vineyard	Rick's Vineyard Alan's Vineyard Mission Ranch Vineyard
Grapes	100% Monterey County Chardonnay Sustainably Farmed Grapes
Harvest Date	September 15 to October 7, 2017
Soil	Sand Stone Diatomaceous Shale

### TECHNICAL DETAILS

Fermentation	Fermented in French Oak Sur Lees
Barrels	Aged in One and Two Year Old French Oak for 6 Months
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.4
TA	0.59
RS	0.01 g/L

Based in Carmel, California, Folktale Winery, the home of Golden, is located just 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. We think it's one of the most beautiful places on earth, and we are inspired every day to be able to make wines here. As a growing region, Monterey County is ideally suited to grow amazing Chardonnay. The warm, dry summer days are cooled each afternoon and evening by the Pacific Ocean breeze and fog. This creates an extended growing season, allowing the grapes to develop layers of complexity and flavor. The rocky, volcanic soils impart great minerality and acidity to balance the big tropical and stone fruit flavors.

### TASTING NOTES

**Aroma:** Classic tropical and stone fruit aromas of peaches, pineapple, papaya, apricot, and banana with notes of lemon zest, orange blossoms, and vanilla cream

**Flavor:** Sophisticated balance of fruit, mineral, oak, and acid. No heat or overwhelming richness. The fruit and acid are at the forefront with bright pineapple, peach, and star fruit. The minerality lingers on the mid-palate and finish, where there is what we describe as a river rock character. Subtle oak grounds the flavors by adding a soft vanilla bean nuttiness, like the perfect crust of a meringue pie. Liquid Gold-en!



GOLDEN MONTEREY WINES ARE PRODUCED AND BOTTLED AT FOLKTALE WINERY IN CARMEL, CA

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