

GOLDEN

2022 California Chardonnay

Golden is a celebration of California sun and California spirit. Located in center of the state, Monterey County is the original capital of California. A region that enjoys rich, fertile soils, warm, consistent weather and cool, coastal influences from the Pacific Ocean. As the nucleus of our estate vineyards, these ideal growing conditions allow us to grow happy grapes to make wonderful wine.

Vintage Notes

The 2021 vintage was a blend of early harvest in the North Coast, due to increased temperatures in late summer and early fall, and a late harvest in the Central Coast, due to a long cool summer. The differences gave us a lot of control in the cellar when it came time to blend. Our Monterey estate vineyards had wonderful development of flavors with the longer hangtime. In the North Coast, we got better acidity and structure. Yields were down in both regions due to a lack of rainfall, but the differences in harvests resulted in a great quality vintage.

Tasting Notes

The 2021 Chardonnay is consistently a classic California Chardonnay with a more subtle balance of oak and butter characteristics. We believe that the magic of California Chardonnay is captured in the expression of fruit. Golden presents aromas of caramelized Bosc pear, Gala apples, and note of vanilla pudding and hibiscus. On the palate, you find more tropical flavors like papaya and passionfruit brightened with lively Meyer lemon and citrus notes. In the mid-palate, the complexity of vanilla oak, creaminess, and minerality are balanced with acid structure to deliver a wine that is immensely enjoyable on its own but pairs so well with flavors of salinity, creaminess, and mild sprice. Enjoy young and often.

Varietal(s): 100% Chardonnay
Appellation: 62% Monterey County
38% North Coast AVA
Maturation: Aged 6 months in 25%
1 year old French Oak
Alc./Vol.: 13.5%

HISTORICAL ACCOLADES

BEST BUY – 91 pts – Wine Enthusiast

90 Points – CA State Fair Wine Comp.

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