



# VINUM CELLARS

We are a small, California winery committed to crafting quality wines from single vineyards in California's premium coastal and cool climate growing areas.

## Chardonnay 2017 MONTEREY

This complex coastal Chardonnay is made from grapes from the Santa Lucia Foothills in Northern Monterey County just east over the mountains from beautiful Big Sur and the Pacific Ocean. Harvest is generally much later in the season than other areas due to the coastal fog that carries over the mountains from the Pacific and takes until midday (or even later sometimes) to burn off. This allows for full development of ripe fruit flavors and the preservation of balanced acidity.

**VARIETAL:** 100% Chardonnay

**APPELLATION:** Monterey, California

**VINEYARD:** Arroyo Loma Vineyard in King City within Monterey by famed Central Coast grower Steve McIntyre.

**HARVEST & WINEMAKING:** Picked cool at night, whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented on the natural lees and put through 100% malolactic. Aged in barrel without stirring for 18 months.

**WINEMAKERS:** Richard Bruno, Chris Condos

**ALCOHOL:** 13.75%

**TECH DATA:** TA: 5.03g/L | pH: 3.72 | ML: 100%

**PRODUCTION:** 2,500 cases

### TASTING NOTES:

**COLOR:** Medium golden hue from the slow barrel fermentation in 2, 3 and 4 year old Francois Ferre burgundy barrels.

**AROMA:** Medium and lightly toasted vanilla notes which are enveloped in lemon verbena. The palate is rich with honey, ripe pear and baked apple tart flavors which bounce off additional textured custard notes.

**FLAVOR:** Long finish with opulent Tahitian vanilla, caramel and toast while allowing just the right amount of tropical acidity in the form of guava, mango and passionfruit.

**PAIRINGS:** "This is a very rich, textured, creamy Chardonnay which is a classic pairing with lobster on the half shell (skip the drawn butter). I love it with grilled wild caught Salmon and a lemon pesto caper sauce. If there is some of this wine left for dessert it's nice with Creme Brulee, bread pudding and fruit tarts." - Richard Bruno



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