

# SOFIA

## Chardonnay

MONTEREY COUNTY

### 2013 SOFIA CHARDONNAY

Light in spirit. Elegant in character. The tradition of Sofia wines originated with our sparkling Blanc de Blancs, which was a gift from Francis Ford Coppola to his daughter. Over the years we've added other varietals inspired by wines most loved by Sofia herself. In the French tradition, this Chardonnay reflects a delicate styling, which is the preference of the beautiful woman for whom it is named.

### VINEYARD NOTES

Our Chardonnay is grown in the cool climate of Monterey County. Because the vineyards reside close to the coast, fog coupled with chilly mornings and nights extend the growing season. These conditions help the fruit retain its natural acidity, adding vibrancy to the wine. Also, the soils in this region impart steely mineral notes and flint qualities, which our French winemaker Francois calls "gout de pierre a fusil."

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

2013 was another warm, dry season where the lack of rain intensified flavor concentration in the grapes. And because this season followed on the heels of a great vintage, the quality of the 2013 fruit superseded its predecessor, giving us an outstanding vintage to delight over. To show off the fruit's character and complexity, we vinified the fruit in stainless steel to preserve it in its natural state.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2013 Sofia Chardonnay boasts sweet luscious flavors of melon and peaches along with lovely spice notes. It's exceptionally well balanced, with vivacious juicy fruit set off by crisp natural acidity and a trace of minerals. It also shows some butter and has a creamy mouthfeel even though the wine saw no wood or malolactic fermentation. You'll also enjoy a nice floral pop from the Pinot Blanc in the blend.

APPELLATION:	Monterey County
BLEND:	75% Chardonnay, 25% Pinot Blanc
ALCOHOL:	12.5% by volume

