

SOFIA

Chardonnay

MONTEREY COUNTY

2016 SOFIA CHARDONNAY

Light in spirit. Elegant in character. The tradition of Sofia wines originated with our sparkling Blancs de Blanc, 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

Grown in the cool climate of Monterey County our Chardonnay vineyards reside close to the coast. Here, the daily incursion of fog, which cools the vineyards, extends the time required for the grapes to ripen. Climate conditions such as these create aromatic and highly concentrated fruit that maintains vibrancy on the palate. Soil composition also contributes to the unique character of Chardonnay from this region, lending nuances of flint and minerals.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The 2016 growing season began early after a winter of heavy rain. The much-needed precipitation benefitted the vines before mild spring temperatures arrived, followed by a classic Monterey County summer where sunny days give way to cool evenings. Under these conditions, the grapes mature slowly over a long period of time. The extended growing period develops fragrant and well-textured fruit that is balanced by natural acidity. Upon harvest, the wine is fermented and finished in stainless steel to preserve the wine's fresh flavors and aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Sofia Chardonnay delivers juicy flavors of pineapple, pears, citrus and melon highlighted by delicate spice notes and a hint of minerals. Showing grace on the palate and a silky texture, this aromatic wine is balanced by crisp acidity, which makes it highly versatile with food.

APPELLATION:	Monterey County
BLEND:	90% Chardonnay, 10% Pinot Blanc
ALCOHOL:	13.0% by volume
PH:	3.4
TOTAL ACID:	.57g/100mL

