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# WILLIAM WRIGHT

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PREMIUM HAND SELECTED

## *Chardonnay*

MONTEREY COUNTY

*William Wright Chardonnay is a classic, cool-climate wine sourced from our maritime-influenced estate vineyards in Monterey County, California. Premium quality grapes are hand selected to bring out the true essence of our Chardonnay with varietally-correct aromas and flavors. Ultimately, William Wright wines are easy to drink, approachable and extremely food friendly.*

### GROWING REGION

In Monterey County, the cool ocean air off of the Monterey Bay sweeps down through the Salinas Valley daily. Morning fog can linger until mid-day, then gives way to warm, late afternoon sun. This maritime influence has a cooling effect, which lengthens the growing season and allows the grapes to ripen more slowly and evenly. Extra hang-time leads to complex wines that exhibit heightened aromatics, intense fruit flavors and full varietal expression.

### WINEMAKING

Our grapes are picked by hand at optimum ripeness during the night and early morning hours to keep the fruit cool and preserve the delicate nuances of the aromas and flavors. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes are whole-cluster pressed and fermented cold in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, the wine is racked clean and aged on French oak. Minimal intervention and careful handling in the cellar ensure that William Wright wines are fruit forward and true to both variety and terroir.

### TASTING NOTES

Bright pear and tropical fruit flavors are balanced with hints of toasty barrel spice and subtle caramel highlights. Rich and complex, this wine pairs beautifully with poultry and seafood or alongside salads and soft cheeses.

