



MORGAN

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2018 METALLICO UN-OAKED CHARDONNAY

<i>appellation:</i>	MONTEREY
<i>vineyards:</i>	ROGER ROSE, LEAVENS, DOUBLE L, MCINTYRE, QUAIL RUN
<i>clones:</i>	96, MUSQUÉ, ROGER ROSE
<i>soils:</i>	SANDY LOAM
<i>climate:</i>	COOL, REGION I TO II
<i>alcohol:</i>	13.5%
<i>acidity:</i>	7.5 G/L
<i>ph:</i>	3.17
<i>cooperage:</i>	4 MONTHS IN STAINLESS STEEL
<i>malolactic:</i>	0%
<i>retail price:</i>	\$22.00



THE GRAPE

Metallico is chardonnay in its purest form, unadorned by oak. Select clones from top growers display intense tropical fruit and mineral aromas. Fresh, vibrant Chardonnay.

THE PLACE

The vintage commenced with precipitation much below average, though reservoirs remained full through the season after a very wet 2017. January and February were warm, resulting in premature budbreak in select parcels, increasing worries of frost as nighttime temperatures dipped below freezing on February 23rd and 24th. Luckily, no harm was done, and the following months saw temperatures at, and often below, seasonal averages. 2018 was a classically cool growing season in Monterey- an epic year for Morgan's cool climate varieties.

Metallico is sourced from some of Monterey's best vineyards; in 2018 we focused on the Roger Rose, Leavens, Double L, McIntyre, and Quail Run estates. These vineyards are influenced by their proximity to the cold water of the Monterey Bay. This provides the perfect conditions for fruit forward, racy, and elegant Chardonnay.

THE WINE

Upon arriving at the winery, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed. After pressing, the juice was cold tank fermented, retaining the essential bright fruit and mineral characteristics. The wine was not allowed to go through a secondary malo-lactic fermentation.

Metallico's aromatics are intense with white peach, lemon balm, and jasmine. The palate has ripe fruit flavors of citrus and stone fruits. Crisp, food-friendly acidity keeps this wine refreshing and bright. It's a perfect accompaniment to shellfish and lighter summertime fare.