

# HESS SELECT



## CHARDONNAY

MONTEREY COUNTY  
2022



SUSTAINABLY  
PRODUCED

## HESS SELECT WINES

Crafted by our winemakers best known for their artistry with mountain vineyards in Napa Valley, Hess Select wines are sourced from grower families throughout California who share the guiding principle that our founder Donald Hess instilled in our family business “nurture the land and return what you take.” We strive to make the very best wines that elevate the everyday and honor our family legacy.

## MONTEREY CHARDONNAY

Monterey’s cooling fog and Pacific coastal breezes, drawn across the Gabilan Mountains into the Salinas Valley, create an ideal climate for growing Chardonnay, yielding wines with tantalizing tropical notes and crisp acidity. Moderate temperatures lengthen the growing season, allowing fruit to evolve with layers of distinct Central Coast flavors.

## TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“Monterey’s combination of moderate climate and marine influences from the Pacific Ocean keep the grapes balanced and able to develop fully ripe flavors. A classic Central Coast Chardonnay, this wine offers tropical aromas of grilled pineapple, a hint of lemon zest, and subtle balanced oak. Hess Select Chardonnay is medium-bodied with layers of sliced peaches and golden delicious apples, finishing crisp and clean with well-balanced acid. One of the things I enjoy most when I’m visiting with wine drinkers at festivals all around the country is the obvious pleasure people have when they tell me ‘I really love the Hess green label Chardonnay, it’s our house white.’ That means my mission is clear: don’t screw up a good thing. Gladly, this wine makes keeping people happy very easy.”

Dave Guffy, Chief Winemaker

## 2022 VINTAGE

Vintage 2022 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time fall was kicking off a heat wave came, through around Labor Day weekend, then shifted back to temperate conditions. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intensely lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a very welcomed cool ending to the fall season. The extreme fall weather created interesting conditions for our fruit to steady and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment to make a beautifully balanced wine. Vintage 2022 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.

APPELLATION: Monterey County

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

