



THE WALLS

2017 MARTIN'S GOLD

The Story Behind the Name

Originally brought to America by Paul Masson, Martin Ray planted French Chardonnay in the Santa Cruz Mountains in the 1940's and revolutionized American winemaking. We make Martin's Gold from the first plantings of this "Mt. Eden clone" in Washington State. This wine offers a bolder and more New World profile than other Chardonnays from The Walls, yet still with the restrained and balanced Old World style that Ali's wines are known for.

Production Notes

"I think this is a really pretty wine," says Ali. A little oak on the nose, but rich salinity on the palate gives it an almost Old World balance. We all agree that it's a pretty wine, but also one that packs a punch, with body robust enough to compliment some of the summer greats: earthy grilled meats, garlicky caesar salad and buttery herb breads.

"The 2017 Chardonnay Martin's Gold comes all from the Mount Eden Clone of Chardonnay and was barrel fermented and aged in 33% new 500-liter French oak. This classy, elegant white offers juicy notes of white flowers, orchard fruits, and subtle nutty notes in a medium-bodied, impeccably balanced package. It's up with the top Chardonnays in the region."

- 93 Points, Jeb Dunnuck, *JebDunnuck.com*

BLEND:
100% Chardonnay

AVA/VINEYARD
Yakima Valley AVA

HARVEST DATE
Oct. 2016

ABV: 14.5%

Retail: \$36