



# MORGAN

## 2024 Metallico Un-Oaked Chardonnay



### PLACE

Located in the well-drained foothills above the Salinas Valley, the Santa Lucia Highlands appellation is California's most distinctive region for growing terroir-driven wines. Strong afternoon winds and coastal fog originating from nearby Monterey Bay flow through the AVA, resulting in one of the longest growing seasons in North America. This unique combination of abundant sunshine and truly cool climate creates wine with intense flavors and balanced acidity.

### VINTAGE

The 2024 growing season began with a wet winter that transitioned into a cool and windy spring. These conditions, particularly during May flowering, led to below-average fruit set and ultimately yields down approximately 10% from average. Summer brought abundant sunshine and less coastal fog than usual, yet moderate temperatures allowed ripening to progress uniformly. Though predictions pointed to an early start, extended hang times resulted in a classically timed mid-September harvest that proceeded at a steady pace through mid-October.

### WINE

Metallico is chardonnay in its purest form, unadorned by oak. Select clones from top growers display expressive tropical aromas and minerality.

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 characters. The wine did not go through a secondary malolactic fermentation.

Metallico's aromatics are intense with honeydew, mango, and white florals. The palate has ripe fruit flavors of pineapple, papaya, and lemon peel. This wine encompasses a light-medium body with bright acidity and a long finish. It's a perfect accompaniment to seafood and lighter summertime fare.

<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Santa Lucia Highlands
<b>VINEYARD:</b>	Leavens, McIntyre, Playa Alta, Panziera
<b>CLONES:</b>	Roger Rose, 15, 809, 17, 96
<b>SOIL:</b>	Chualar & Arroyo Seco loams (granitic)
<b>CLIMATE:</b>	Very Cool, Region I (UCD)
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	5 months in Stainless Steel

<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.5%	<b>pH:</b>	3.19
<b>ACIDITY:</b>	6.60 g/l	<b>RETAIL PRICE:</b>	\$26. <sup>00</sup>
<b>MALOLACTIC:</b>	0%		