

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$62.00</b>	<b>\$180.00</b>	<b>66%</b>

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## 2017 Folk Machine Chenin Blanc ½ Case product-timed-pdf - Merritt Island AVA, Clarksburg - A Dry & Lush White You Want to Know More About!

### Why We're Drinking It

The Merritt Island AVA is a little-known slice of vineyard land tucked between the Sacramento River and the Elk and Sutter sloughs. Established back in 1983, this sub-region of California's Clarksburg appellation enjoys crisp breezes off the nearby San Francisco Bay and extremely fertile soils that are rich in loam—just the perfect thing for cool-climate Chenin Blanc.

Winemaker Kenny Likiprakong jumped at the chance to purchase fruit from this highly unusual site. In this 2017 white, the UC Davis educated winemaker offers a classic take on Chenin, one reminiscent of dry Vouvray with a tropical, lush nose and a finely balanced palate featuring crisp apple fruit and a touch of honeysuckle. Likiprakong has garnered quite a reputation for his hands-off, natural approach. In the case of this wine that means whole-cluster fermentation in a combination of two concrete eggs, one stainless steel tank and two neutral barrels. This makes for precious little wine at the end of day, and we are thrilled to offer what we can of this new Chenin Blanc to our Members.

- Chenin Blanc is still largely unknown in this country, but the grape is grown throughout France and is also popular in South Africa. This variety has enviable natural acidity and typically shows a pronounced tropical fruit flavor.
  - After earning his enology and viticulture degree from UC Davis Kenny Likiprakong embarked on his winemaker career first in Santa Cruz in 2008 and more recently at the helm of Hobo Wine Company, makers of Folk Machine, Camp and other boutique brands.
  - Grapes were sourced from one of California's most obscure appellations—the Merritt Island AVA, which enjoys a cool, maritime climate thanks to the Sacramento River Delta, which surrounds it.
  - The hotter than usual temperatures of the 2017 vintage made for early picking and reduced yields, but throughout Clarksburg's vineyards quality of fruit was above average.
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### Tasting Notes

This is one crisp and refreshing wine! It has notes of citrus, mint, herbs, crisp apple, and provides a clean finish.

**VARIETAL**  
Chenin Blanc  
**APPELLATION**  
Merritt Island AVA, Clarksburg  
**ALCOHOL**  
13.00  
**SIZE**  
750ml  
**BLEND**  
Chenin Blanc

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### The Story to Know

*From the winery:*

The Hobo Wine Company is the brainchild, side job, mance to the wine industry, hedged bet, cash strain, mental anguish, late night musing, bruised hands, dirty t-shirts, and constant companion of Kenny Likiprakong. Despite knowing better, he started his own label in 2002 with the simple idea to have some good fun.

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## Perfect Pairings

Pair with shrimp or any seafood dish. Also pairs well with chicken or turkey.

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