



2018 Muses Estate Chrisolithos White

Rating

88

Release Price

\$15

Drink Date

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2020, The Wine Advocate**Producer:** Muses Estate**From:** Greece , Central Greece ,
Sterea Ellada**Color:** White**Type:** Table**Sweetness:** Dry**Type:** Table**Variety:** Proprietary Blend
Chardonnay , Malagousia

The 2018 Chrisolithos White is an equal blend of Chardonnay and Malagousia, partly (the Chardonnay component) aged for two months in used French oak. It comes in at 13% alcohol. A small step up on the 9 White Blend this issue, this has caressing texture and more substance. It seems a little bit bigger while remaining equally fresh, despite the extra year of age. It remains, to be sure, elegant and laid-back, a graceful and understated white that will do just fine when sipped on its own. The Chardonnay does mute the aromatics and flavors of the Malagousia, though. If I had a quibble, that would be it. It is one of the most enchanting Greek grapes for flavor and aromatics. If it disappears, what's the point? On the other hand, the Chardonnay undoubtedly provides some substance. I'd still drink this in the near term, but it probably has a better chance of holding well for a few years than the 9 blend.