



CHATEAU GRAND TRAVERSE  
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## 2017 Ship of Fools WHITE WINE



"Ship of Fools," is a metaphor to imply that a ship cannot not sail with just individuals unless they unite as a crew. This wine is comprised of Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, and Muscat Ottonel, which seem to shine better as a harmonious blend versus individually. This well-structured wine exhibits lemony citrus flavors, flinty mineral qualities, and aromatic green tea. With a lingering dry finish, it is the perfect match to successfully sail your dinner ship to shore.

### WINEMAKING

Each of the separate varietals that comprise the Ship of Fools were made as individual wines in separate small lots. This proprietary blend was developed from fully finished wines rather than a harvest blend at the onset of fermentation. In the case of our Ship of Fools, our winemaking team matches their favorite wine attributes and brings them to the table to see if they fit the blend. Our philosophy is based on specific varietals characteristics and how each can bring unique flavors to an individual blend. Ship of Fools is the culmination of many efforts and personalities resulting in a totally flavor-driven, not varietal-driven wine. The goal is to create a complex blend that highlights the best traits of each to achieve a harmonious whole.

### VINEYARD

Our 2017 Ship of Fools is comprised of four varietals from three of our estate vineyards. Our vineyard sites are characterized by cool mornings with plenty of afternoon sunshine, allowing ample hang-time for achieving optimum fruit flavors. Each site receives the maritime influence of Grand Traverse Bay that brings complexity and concentrated fruit flavor with excellent structure and acidity.

### SHIP OF FOOLS

TECHNICAL DATA	
Year	2017
Appellation	Old Mission Peninsula
Varietals	Pinot Blanc, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Muscat Ottonel
Soil Type	Sandy, Loam, Glacial Till
Harvest Sugar	20.2° Brix
Residual Sugar	5 g/liter
Total Acidity	5.5 g/liter
pH	3.36
Alcohol	11.90%
Winemaker	Bernd Croissant
Bottling Date	7/13/2018
Cases Produced	598
UPC Code	0 83161-19981 3