

# EDEN RIFT

## 2017 ESTATE PINOT NOIR CIENEGA VALLEY

*Under Vine Since 1849 - Eden Rift is perhaps the oldest, continually producing estate vineyards in California. A remote, pacific refuge located under the shadow of the Gavilan Mountain Range, the estate rests on the San Andreas Fault and is part of the Cienega Valley AVA. Only 20 miles from the Pacific Ocean, this site benefits from an ideal, temperate maritime climate as well as the coveted calcareous soils required for the cultivation of vivid, energetic Pinot Noir.*

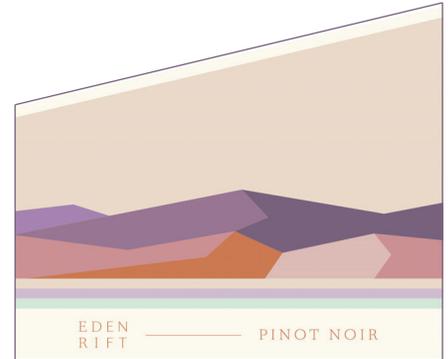
### CELLAR NOTES

Originating from neighboring estate blocks C, D & E, three clones of Pinot Noir were hand-harvested over multiple dates in September. Gently crushed, with approximately 33% of clusters remaining whole, the must was transferred to open-top tanks and bins. Fermented on native yeast the juice had, on average, fourteen-days of skin contact. During the extraction period the caps were punched down by hand 2-3 times a day. Once pressed, the wine was racked to French oak barrels from assorted coopers. Ultimately, the wine was barrel aged for eleven months before being bottled on August 24, 2018.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

"The 2017 growing season was, with one big exception, a model of consistency. An early warm spell woke the vines up in late February, and by the first week of March buds were popping all over the vineyard. Spring was rather dry with only a few good storms. This meant that flowering and set was unhampered - the vines did not achieve increased yields but rather, unlike the 2016 vintage, there was not much shatter. Beyond that the growing season was classic and very mild with foggy mornings and cool breezy afternoons. That is until the first week of September when the region experienced an extreme heat spell. Going into the Labor Day Holiday, temperatures over a three day period were above 108 degrees which advanced sugars and kicked-off harvest. In some blocks there was a bit of dehydration but overall the vineyard had good canopy management and thus avoided any real damage. In fact, following the heat spell temperatures cooled down and the fruit was able to hang and achieved a great deal of flavor development."

"The Estate Pinot Noir is elegant and vibrant in nature. It is extremely focused showing both red-tone and black-tone fruits. As it opens, it reveals notes of spiced cranberry, wild blackberry, black cherry, as well as pomegranate, violets, black teas and chalk-like, mineral notes. It shows medium weight with great depth as well as round yet youthful, chalky tannin structure. The wine offers a great finish and will continue to evolve over the next decade or longer."



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### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	September 5, 14, & 21
Block   Clone(s)	Block C   Clone 828 Block D   Clone 115 Block E   Clone 777
Average Tons/Acre	3.72

### WINE DATA

Composition (percentage by clone)	100% Pinot Noir Clone 115 - 44% Clone 777 - 33% Clone 828 - 23%
Barrel Program	100% French oak   20% New Aged 10 months
Fermentation	100% Open-Top 100% Native
pH	3.65
Total Acidity	6.72 g/L
Alcohol	14.2%
Bottling Date	August 1 & 2, 2018
Release Date	March 2019
Case Production	2,115 cs (750 ml) 25 cs (1.5 ltr)

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