

EDEN RIFT

2017 TERRACES CHARDONNAY 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 soil requisite in the cultivation of vivid, energetic winegrapes.

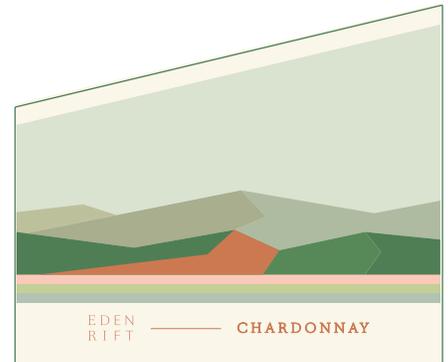
CELLAR NOTES

In the early morning of September 18, 2017, grapes from Eden Rift's terraced Chardonnay block, Block T, were hand-harvested and brought down the mountain to the winery. At the winery, the grapes were whole-cluster pressed with the resulting juice transferred to a holding tank for cold-settling. Following 24 hours of settling the juice was racked to French oak barrels for fermentation. Ferment on native yeasts, the wine was aged "sur-lie" for over 10 months before being bottled in mid-July 2018.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"Block T is an eastern-facing terraced block of Chardonnay. The block's terrain rises over 100 feet and, at its apex, rests about 1,550ft in elevation. It is a locale that has great solar exposure, often times being the first vines on property to wake up from winter dormancy, but at the same time it is raked by strong winds off the Pacific. Due to persistent winds and the early-evening mountain shadows, the location boasts an ideal setting for Chardonnay as it features an incredibly long season, with extended hangtimes and slow ripening which helps the fruit retain high natural acidity."

"Composed of 6 barrels, the 2017 Terraces Chardonnay highlights a very specific portion of the Eden Rift estate. It is an old-world style wine that showcases the minerally-nature of the property and is certainly meant to be aged. The bouquet evolves to display upfront aromas of citrus, white peach and orange cream. While in the recesses notes lemon peel, white flowers and chalky notes add to the aromatic intrigue. Creamy texture yields to bright acidity as this wine finds a nice overall balance."



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HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	September 18, 2017
Block Clone(s)	Block T Clone 4 & 76
Average Tons/Acre	2.86

WINE DATA

Composition (percentage by clone)	100% Chardonnay Clone 4 - 42% Clone 76 - 58%
Barrel Program	100% French oak 25% New Aged 10 months
Fermentation	100% Native 100% BF 100% ML
pH	3.33
Total Acidity	6.53 g/L
Alcohol	14.1%
Bottling Date	July 23, 2018
Release Date	April 2018
Case Production	136 cases (750 ml) 10 cases (1.5 ltr)
Retail Price	\$54.00 / btl

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