EDEN
RIFT

2022 ESTATE CHARDONNAY
CIENEGA VALLEY



Under Vine Since 1849 - Eden Rift is the oldest continuously producing estate vineyard in California. Located just 20 miles from the Monterey Bay, the 120-acre estate rests on the San Andreas Faultline and is part of the Cienega Valley AVA. Early vintners saw potential in the limestone and dolomite-rich soil planting Pinot Noir on the estate in 1860. Post prohibition, the focus on Pinot Noir & Chardonnay was lost until 2016 when Christian Pillsbury acquired the estate. Christian assembled a team of young industry professionals to once again make some of California's most vivid, energetic Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. The extreme terraces and diverse terroir in a single contiguous valley make California's oldest estate vineyard its most exciting new project.

VINEYARD NOTES

Our Estate Chardonnay is made up of clones 76, 4, old Wente, and Calera clone. These vines are mostly cane pruned and all our Chardonnay is hand harvested. Calera clone in particular comes from the coldest section of our vineyard which provides a unique minerality and acidity.

CELLAR NOTES

A tribute and testament to the vineyard's natural setting as well as its meticulously farmed Chardonnay vines. This offering was whole-cluster pressed, barrel fermented and aged in 14% new French oak barrels for 17 months using indigenous yeasts. This well-balanced Chardonnay went through 100% Malolactic fermentation.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Estate Chardonnay has a pale lemon yellow hue, with flavors that lead with ripe Anjou pear, golden delicious apples, and tempered with bright acidity. There is a nod towards more tropical fruit as well, with a light pineapple note that persists along with a creamy texture from full Malolactic fermentation. The palate is focused with a chalky character on the palate – indicative of the soils from whence this wine came. A graceful amount of new oak provides light vanilla and baking spices that dance on the tongue with a hint of white flowers to the nose. This vintage of Chardonnay has a clear direction, unfurling over the course of a glass, showcasing the many facets of our intriguing Estate.

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HARVEST DATA	
Harvest Date	Sept 6 to Sept 14, 2022
Blocks	Block A - Calera Block B – 72 (Old Wente) Block O – 4 & 76
Avg. Tons/Acre	3.2
Brix	21.6 – 24.2

WINE DATA	
Composition	100% Chardonnay A Block - 40% O Block - 40% B Block - 20%
Fermentation	100% barrel fermented
Aging	17 months
RS	<0.4 g/L
ML	<0.05 g/L
PH	3.3
ALC	13.7%
Bottling Date	June 8, 2024
Case Production	840 cases
Retail Price	$42

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