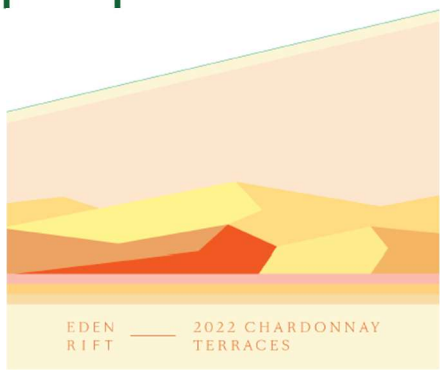
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2022 TERRACES CHARDONNAY
CIENEGA VALLEY



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

Terraces Chardonnay is a massale selection of different chardonnay clones on a 1.6 acre parcel. Block T possess the lowest water-holding capacities of any of our blocks. These vines are starved for water, which causes the roots to descend, searching for moisture. An Eastern facing slope, it abruptly rises 100 feet to 1,550ft at its highest elevation. Usually, our first block to experience budbreak due to its sun exposure producing fruit of sound ripeness, though is also exposed to some of the strongest winds coming in from the Pacific, bringing cool air and long hang times allowing the wine to retain freshness and acidity.

CELLAR NOTES

This year, we opted for two separate harvests due to the lower section of the slope ripening faster than the upper section. We wanted to ensure that we harvested at the optimal time. Grapes from the terraced block were meticulously hand-harvested by our skilled vineyard team and transported to the winery. Upon arrival at the winery, the grapes underwent whole-cluster pressing, and the resulting juice was transferred to a holding tank for cold settling. After 24 hours of settling, the juice was racked into French oak barrels (25% new) for fermentation. Utilizing indigenous yeast, the wine was aged sur lie for 16 months before being bottled in early June 2024.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2022 Terraces Chardonnay, composed of 7 barrels, highlights a specific portion of Eden Rift estate. This old-world style wine is designed for aging and showcases the property's mineral nature. The bouquet features citrus, pineapple, white peach, and orange cream, with subtle notes of lemon peel, lemongrass, white flowers, and chalk. Its creamy texture balances with bright acidity.

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HARVEST DATA	
Harvest Date	Aug. 24 & Sept. 8, 2022
Blocks	Block T, Clones 76 & 4
Avg. Tons/Acre	1.7
Brix	23.2

WINE DATA	
Composition	100% Chardonnay Clone 4, Clone 76
Fermentation	100% native & barrel, 60 day fermentation
Aging	16 months, never racked
RS ML pH Alc	0.75 g/L 0.8 g/L 3.22 13.5%
Bottling Date	June 11, 2024
Release Date	Spring 2025
Case Production	175 cases
Retail Price	$68

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