

2019

CHARDONNAY, EDNA VALLEY

EDNA VALLEY

516 Cases | Bottled August 17, 2020

Suggested Retail: \$28

STEPHEN ROSS



VINEYARD

The Edna Valley is located on the South Central Coast of California next to the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in a north-east-southwest orientation and is open at the Pacific Ocean to the West; it lies in Southern California at 34 degrees latitude and receives an abundance of light from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summer-time afternoon cool breezes coming from the Pacific Ocean. This is a unique climate of cool air temperature and intense sunlight.

VINTAGE

We believe that 2019 is an exceptional cool vintage with near ideal weather during the dormant winter months as well as the growing season. The vines received an above average amount of rainfall of 24” during the 2018/2019 winter. This may have led to a later than average bud break with many dormant vines on March 1. Overall, the growing season was cool without heat spikes.

WINEMAKING

Classic Burgundian winemaking methods were used in making this wine; barrel fermentation, malo-lactic fermentation, *lies* stirring, and *sur lie* aging for nine months in French oak barrels.

Grapes were whole cluster pressed in a membrane press, juice chilled and settled overnight before being put into barrel to ferment.

Vineyard:

Greengate (64%), Fire Peak (18%), Bee Sweet (18%)

Harvest:

September 19, 21, 27, 2019.

Harvested by hand.

Fermentation:

Cultured yeast and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria.

100% barrel fermented and 100% malolactic fermentation

Aging:

Non-filtered, Aged for 10 months in oak.

23% new *Tonnellerie Sirugue* French oak barrels.

barrels, 77% one to three-year-old French oak barrels.

Alcohol:

13.8%

pH:

3.37

T.A.:

6.1g/L



TASTING NOTES

Brilliant pale straw transparent color. Effusive aromatics showing fresh baked brioche, pear, mango and vanilla. Bold and rich with a sense of balance and liveliness. A pleasant note of acidity and creamy, flavorful finish.