

2020

CHARDONNAY, EDNA VALLEY

EDNA VALLEY

276 Cases | Bottled August 4, 2021

Suggested Retail: \$28

VINEYARD

The Edna Valley is located on the South Central Coast of California next to the town of San Luis Obispo and roughly five miles from the Pacific Ocean. The valley spans in a northwest-southeast orientation, open to the Pacific 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 the regular summertime afternoon sea breeze, coming from the Pacific. This is a unique climate of cool air temperature and intense sunlight.

VINTAGE

In terms of the climate in the Edna Valley we saw low rainfall totals of 15 inches for the 2019/2020 winter preceding the growing season. We experienced moderate spring and summer temperatures and projected an average size crop. There were a couple of minor heat spells, August 14 – 22 (highs in the mid-90s), September 5 – 7 (peaked at 117 on 9/6) and a small amount of smoke during the early stage of harvest from the Northern California fires. Despite this we made beautiful wines in 2020. They show good concentration of ripe flavor, lush full body, and low acidity...showy and easy to drink.

WINEMAKING

Classic Burgundian winemaking methods were used in making this wine; barrel fermentation, malolactic 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 (77%), Bee Sweet (23%)

Harvest:

Harvested by hand on September 16, 2020.

Fermentation:

Cultured yeast and naturally occurring malolactic bacteria. 100% barrel fermented and 100% malolactic fermentation.

Aging:

Non-filtered, Aged for 10 months in oak.

21% new *Tonnellerie Sirugue* French oak barrels, 79% one to three times filled French oak barrels.

Alcohol:	pH:	T.A.:
13.8%	3.52	5.3g/L



TASTING NOTES

This is a refined style of Chardonnay, non-filtered yet brilliantly clear with a pale straw color. Aromas of fresh baked brioche, nutmeg, mango, and white peach. Creamy, seamless, soft/low acidity, and velvety smooth on the palate. Wonderful finish, lingering tropical fruit, and soft hints of French oak.