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EDEN RIFT  
2017 ESTATE CHARDONNAY, CIENEGA VALLEY

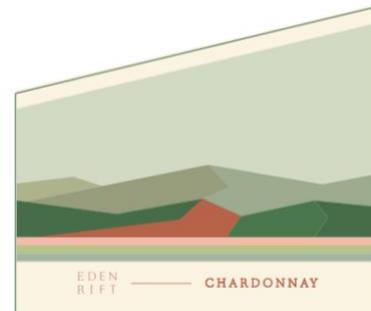
TASTING NOTES

"The 2017 vintage will be remembered by winemakers throughout California's Central Coast for an unrelenting heat spell that consumed Labor Day Weekend. It was certainly extreme occurrence in an otherwise consistent and idyllic season. The growing season began relatively early as warm spell woke the vines up in late February. The ensuing Spring was rather dry meaning that flowering and set were unhampered, producing clusters with even sized berries. Summer too was classic as foggy mornings and cool breezy afternoons were the norm. Any notion of 'normal' changed the first week of September when the region experienced an extreme heat wave. For three straight days temperatures reached above 108 degrees and ultimately kicked off harvest. In some blocks there was a bit of dehydration but overall the vineyard had good canopy management and thus avoided any real damage. In fact, following the heat spell temperatures cooled down and the fruit was able to hang and achieved a great deal of flavor development.

In the case of the 2017 Estate Chardonnay, the resulting wine shows great focus, epitomizing nature of the Eden Rift Estate. It is bright with notes of exotic citrus as well as Bosc pear, lemon zest, orange cream, white flowers and mineral notes. On the palate, it is richly textured yet replete with acidity."

TECHNICAL DATA

VINTNERS	Christian Pillsbury
WINEMAKER	Cory Waller
VARIETAL	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4, Clone 76 & Calera
APPELLATION	Cienega Valley
PRODUCTION	1,651 cases
ALCOHOL	14.2%
AGING	10 months in French Oak barrels, 18% new oak



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BACKGROUND

Under Vine Since 1849 – Eden Rift is perhaps the oldest, continually producing estate vineyard 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 soils requisite in the cultivation of bright, minerally Chardonnay.