

2021

## CHARDONNAY, EDNA VALLEY

EDNA VALLEY

800 Cases

**Suggested Retail:** \$30

### 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

The 2021 Vintage – In a word Epic. We started the growing season with a very dry winter, only 11” of rain and most of the rain came during a late January four-day rainstorm dropping 7” of water. In general, the growing season was cool. Apart from one warm day on June 16 when the temperature rose to 105 degrees F, there were no other heat spikes during the year. The mild temperatures continued through harvest in September and October, which opened the stretch of time for picking at optimal maturity. This was a late harvest with long hang time yielding wines with concentrated flavors and high acids.

### 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.

The grapes were whole cluster pressed in a membrane press, where the juice then was chilled and settled overnight

#### Vineyard:

Greengate (52%), Paragon (32%), Bee Sweet (16%)

#### Harvest:

Harvested by hand on September 20, 24 and October 11, 2021.

#### Fermentation:

100% barrel fermented and 100% malolactic fermentation.

#### Aging:

16% new *Tonnellerie Sirugue* French oak barrels, 84% one to three times filled French oak barrels.

**Alcohol:**

**pH:**

**T.A.:**

13.8%

3.52

5.3g/L



### TASTING NOTES

Brilliant straw color. Integrated nose of pear, vanilla, nutmeg and crusty baguette. Full body, rich mid-pallet, firm acidity, flavors of orchard fruits and baking spices that carry in the finish.