Mount Eden Vineyards

Technical notes

2019 Edna Valley Chardonnay
Wolff Vineyard

Yield: 2 ton per acre
Harvest: October 1st-21st
Numbers @ Harvest: 23.1° Brix
3.43 pH
7.8 grams acidity

Barrel Regimen - 100% French Oak-2 to 5 years
100% Barrel Fermented; 100% Malolactic; 100% *sur-lie*
Bottling - June 2020
Alcohol - 14%

3,994 cases produced

Winemakers notes at release: Fall 2021

2019 marks our 34th harvest from this special vineyard. Once again, the yields were meager, mainly due to age. The owner Jean Pierre Wolff, is thankfully a big proponent of our love for Old Vines.

People often wonder why winemakers obsess about Old Vines, and it is because of the ratio of fruit to root mass. In young vines, the ratio is a lot of fruit and a small root structure; in old vines, it is reversed. The result is a tremendous increase in complexity and nuance in the wines. The only downside is the very small yields.

2019 was a typical October harvest in the Edna Valley. The weather conditions in this oceanside valley slow the ripening to a crawl and give ample hang time for the grapes. In tasting this vintage, what is noteworthy is the intriguing play of rose petal, honeysuckle, mint and toasty yeast in the aroma. On the palate, the flavors are transparent, echoing the nose and the finish is satisfying and long.

Completely barrel fermented and aged on the *lees* for nine months in our mountain cave, this vintage is drinking well now, and it will remain so for another four to five years.

Main Points for Presentation:

The Edna Valley Appellation is one of the last major Chardonnay harvests in California and reflects the cool maritime climate which is its influence.

The Wolff Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in the Appellation. Originally planted in 1976 by Edna Valley wine pioneer Andy Macgregor (Wolff purchased the property from Macgregor in 1999), the vineyard is the oldest in the Edna Valley. Mount Eden has made Chardonnay from this vineyard since 1985.

This wine is always one of the best values in California Chardonnay.