VALLIANT BY EDEN RIFT

Under vine since 1849, the Valliant family farmed Eden Rift's mountain vineyard during the 1930s and 1940s. This program is an homage to the history of the Eden Rift estate. With Valliant, we're tipping a hat to our predecessors who ventured to find more affordable options for an even wider audience. Made by Eden Rift's winemaker, Cory Waller, a native son of Hollister, California, the wines are line priced at \$25 MSRP.

CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay grapes from multiple blocks at Eden Rift were handharvested over separate days in September and early October. At the winery, the Chardonnay was whole-cluster pressed with the resulting juice transferred to a stainless steel holding tank for cold-settling. Following 24 hours of settling the juice was racked to French oak barrels for fermentation which occurred on native yeasts. The wine was aged "sur-lie" with battonage occurring twice a month through the early spring. After 11 months of barrel aging the wine was bottled on September 10, 2019.

"The 2018 vintage represents a classic Central Coast growing season; whereby the cooling summer fog and winds off the Pacific Ocean allowed for elongated hang-times and flavor development. This Chardonnay showcases the brilliance of Eden Rift's mountain estate. It is bright with notes of exotic citrus, pear tart, lemon zest, orange cream, white flowers and mineral notes. On the palate, it is richly textured yet replete with acidity." – Cory Waller, Winemaker





PINOT NOIR

Sourced exclusively from Eden Rift Vineyards this wine is comprised of Dijon clones - 115, 777 & 828. Vinified in separate lots, all the fruit was gently crushed, de-stemmed, and fermented in open-top tanks on native yeasts. Once pressed, the wine was transferred to French oak barrels from assorted coopers. Ultimately, the wine was barrel aged for ten months before being bottled in September of 2019.

"The Valliant Pinot Noir showcases the bright, fruit-forward nature of Pinot Noir grown along California's Central Coast. The cool, maritime influences of the Pacific Ocean provide the fruit an extended period on the vine whereby the grapes develop increased flavor. In the bouquet, this bottling shows notes of wild berries, spiced cranberry, black cherry as well as purple flowers and vanilla cream. Replete with acidity, the wine shows medium weight with supple tannins and a long, chalky finish." – Cory Waller, Winemaker

