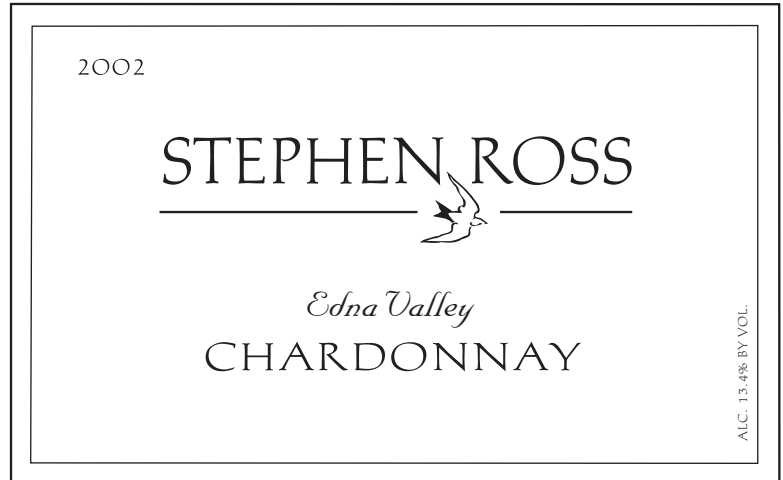


2002

EDNA VALLEY

CHARDONNAY



- Harvested by hand on September 18, October 10, 11 and 24, 2002
- Average grape analysis – 24.2 °Brix, 8.4 g/l T.A., 3.28 pH
- Vineyards: 63% Edna Ranch, 23% Oliver’s Vineyard, 14% Bien Nacido Vineyard
- Whole-cluster pressed, juice chilled and settled overnight
- Clarified juice racked to barrels, and inoculated for fermentation.
- 100% barrel fermented, 100% malolactic fermentation
- 40% new French oak, a blend of *Sirugue*, *François Frères* and 60% used barrels
- Prior to bottling, lightly fined with isinglass and bentonite
- Wine analysis – 13.4% alcohol, 6.53 T.A., 3.37 pH
- Bottled non-filtered on September 16, 2003

The Edna Valley is located on the south Central Coast of California a few miles southeast of the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in an east-west orientation and is open to the Pacific Ocean to the west. The climate is strongly influence by regular summertime afternoon cool breezes from the ocean. Also of significance, it lies at 34 degrees latitude and therefore receives lots of intense sunlight from a directly overhead sun. The 2002 vintage could be described as a “cooler than normal growing season.” Heat summation units (the sum of the mean monthly temperature above 50 °F) were 1,945 degree-days. That’s well below the average of around 2300 degree-days. Seasonal rainfall preceding the growing season was 13.2 inches, which is significantly below average. The Chardonnay yield in the Edna Valley was average – for example 3.9 tons/acre at Edna Ranch. Edna Ranch and Oliver’s Vineyard are generally hilly and the soil has a significant amount of small white calcareous stones mixed with clay loam. The wine was fermented and aged in French oak barrels and rested *sur lies* for 11 months. This is a well-crafted wine exhibiting forward aromas reminiscent of apple, citrus, and brioche, with a faint note of crushed pecan from the aging *sur lies*. The texture of the wine is seamless, silky and balanced with enough cool climate acidity on the finish to complement many dishes.

1196 cases produced