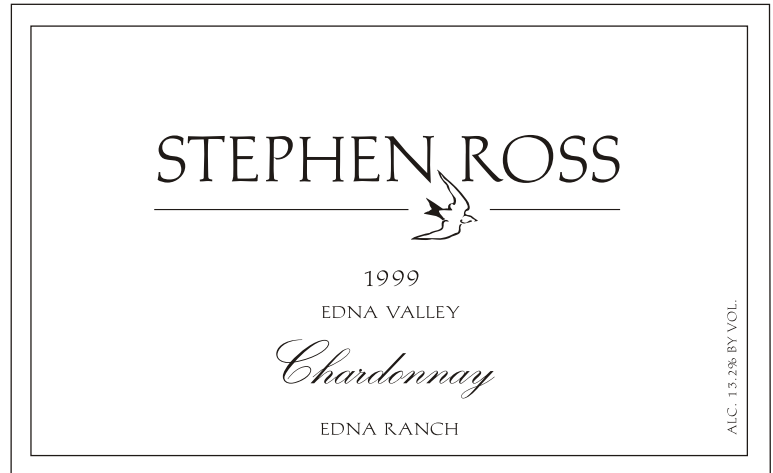


1999

EDNA VALLEY

CHARDONNAY

EDNA RANCH



- Harvested by Hand on October 12, 1999
- Whole Cluster Pressed, Juice Chilled and Settled Overnight
- Clarified Juice racked to Barrels, and inoculated for Fermentation.
- 100% Barrel Fermented and 100% Malolactic Fermentation
- 50% New French Oak, a blend of Tonnellerie Sirugue, François Frères, and Radoux, and 50% once-used barrels
- Fined lightly with Isinglass and Bentonite
- Bottled on August 21, 2000

The Edna Ranch Chardonnay is grown on a sunny, hillside vineyard at the southern end of the Edna Valley. The soil at this site has a significant amount of small white calcareous stones mixed with clay loam. The exceptional cool temperatures during the summer of 1999 allowed grapes to ripen slowly and develop pronounced flavors. Through careful handling of this wine in the cellar, and a light fining prior to bottling, this Chardonnay shows wonderful fruit and oak aromas. The wine captures the tropical fruit aromas from the vineyard, the nutty aromas from the *sur lies* aging, and the sweet vanilla from the French oak barrels.

432 cases 750 ml bottles, and 63 cases - 375 ml bottles produced.