

SEABOLD

Pinot Noir

EDEN RIFT 2018

Seabold Cellars was established in the Monterey Bay region because cool-climate organic and sustainable vineyards produce balanced wines that showcase their origin more than their winemaking. Our approach is as hands-off as possible, respecting traditional techniques and practices without being beholden to them. We produce non-interventionist, site-specific Burgundy and Rhône varieties, as seen through a California lens.



VINEYARD

Eden Rift

FARMING

Organic practices

20+ years vine age

SOIL

Fine sandy loam over a limestone and dolomite subsoil

REGION

Cienega Valley

VARIETY

Pinot Noir

AGING

15 months in third-fill barrique and puncheon

NUMBERS

abv 13.9 TA 6.6 pH 3.48

116 cases produced

EDEN RIFT

An incredibly complex vineyard consisting of a full range of altitudes and exposures, with flat valley floors climbing via terraces to high-altitude hills, facing every direction on the compass. Located in San Benito County, Eden Rift is the oldest continually-producing estate vineyard in California. The vineyard shares the same soils, climate, and grape clonal material as its famous next-door neighbor, Calera.

First planted in 1849, the Cienega Valley sits atop the San Andreas Fault line. This narrow valley resides in the foothills of the Gabilan Range, where cold Monterey Bay air is channeled on its way to Mt. Harlan and Chalone. The soils in this area boast some of the highest concentrations of limestone in Western Hemisphere winegrowing regions.

NORTH SLOPE

A naturally terraced lieu-dit that sits behind a hill, shielding the vines from Monterey Bay winds. Morning fog collects in this little nook, making it the coldest part of the property.

ÉLEVAGE

Hand-harvested at night. Grapes are hand-sorted at the winery; this vintage allowed for 65% whole cluster retention. Native yeast fermentation takes place in stainless steel, after which the wine is transferred to third-fill barriques and puncheons. After 15 months of aging, the wine is racked and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Rich and layered, with blue plum, sappy black cherry, red licorice, cinnamon, and preserved violets. A fruit-forward style and quite approachable in its youth, it also exhibits a serious structural capacity for aging.

