

## 2022 DRY GEWÜRZTRAMINER

Since our first harvest in 1983, this Alsatian varietal has been the flagship wine of our small family-owned winery. And nothing says Claiborne & Churchill like a fresh new bottling of Dry Gewürztraminer! The new 2022 Dry Gewürztraminer is the first white wine to be released from last Fall's harvest. The fruit was picked in mid-September at full ripeness, then tank-fermented and aged before bottling in late February of this year.

*The wine opens with lively aromas of lychee and rose petals before evolving into an array of warm, exotic spices. Tropical flavors of mango and guava greet the palate before leading to a rich, and dare we say, creamy mouthfeel. By nature, this wine exemplifies everything you want from a food-friendly wine. Be sure to elevate your enjoyment by serving this 2022 Dry Gewurz with your favorite Thai, Chinese, or Korean dishes.*

ALCOHOL 13.5%  
HARVESTED Sep 14, 2022  
VINEYARD 100% Loma del Rio, Monterey County AVA  
CLONE 643  
AGING 100% Tank Fermented and Aged  
BOTTLED Feb 15, 2023  
CASES PRODUCED 707  
RETAIL PRICE \$25



## 2021 CLASSIC PINOT NOIR

Our Classic Pinot Noir represents the fruity and approachable nature of Pinot Noir produced from our cool, coastal climate. The 2021 growing season brought moderate temperatures, modest yields, and ideal sugar levels. Our three vineyards were harvested, crushed, and fermented separately before they were carefully blended before bottling.

*This 2021 Classic Pinot Noir opens with deep aromas of florals and earth accented by vibrant notes of berries and cherries. The wine's expansive palate features fruit-forward flavors of cranberries, fresh raspberries and Bing cherries, followed up by hints of baking spice. Our intention is to release this elegant and versatile wine for you to enjoy in its youth. We recommend enjoying it with mushroom ravioli and grilled salmon.*

ALCOHOL 13.5%  
HARVESTED Sep 20 & 24, 2021  
VINEYARD 56% Twin Creeks, 25% Greengate, 19% Spanish Springs Vineyard  
CLONES Pommard, Martini, 113, and 667  
AGING Barrel Aged in 6.3% New French Oak for 10 Months  
BOTTLED Aug 31, 2022  
CASES PRODUCED 371  
RETAIL PRICE \$38



*\*Premier Cru Members will also receive a bottle of 2021 Dry Riesling and 2021 Syrah.*

## 2022 DRY ROSÉ OF PINOT NOIR CUVÉE ELIZABETH

Our 2022 Cuvée Elizabeth Dry Rosé is colorful and inviting, a welcome sign of the spring season. For this lovely rosé we always pick the Pinot Noir fruit a week earlier than we do for red wines. This keeps the natural sugars low and allows the fruit to retain an optimal level of acidity. Following fermentation, the wine is tank-aged and bottled young to preserve the bright, intense fruit tones.

*Aromas of strawberries, watermelon, and melons on the nose blend with fresh strawberries and summer fruits on the palate. Well-integrated acidity gives a crispness to the wine while allowing the fruit to shine throughout its lingering finish. Chill this Dry Rosé before pairing with prosciutto with cantaloupe, rinded soft cheeses such as brie or camembert, or grilled summer vegetables.*

ALCOHOL 13.2%  
HARVESTED Sep 28, 2022  
VINEYARDS 100% Twin Creeks Vineyard  
CLONE Martini  
AGING 100% Tank Fermented and Aged  
BOTTLED Feb 15, 2023  
CASES PRODUCED 328  
RETAIL PRICE \$30



## 2020 GRENACHE

As you make your way from Pismo Beach into the Edna Valley, you'll notice Spanish Springs Vineyard nestled right in between. This coastal setting makes for an ideal site to grow cool-climate Rhone varietals such as Syrah and Grenache. For this 2020 Grenache the fruit was picked late in the season, with its fully-formed flavors, sugars, and acidity firmly in place.

*Out of the glass, the aromas and flavors are intertwined, starting with wild blueberries and dark cherries and leading into distinct notes of plum, briar, and dusted cocoa. There is a beautiful balance between this Grenache's acid profile and its firm tannins. Since the textures are bright and youthful, this wine is a prime candidate to cellar for the next few years. In the meantime, fire up the grill and pair it with smoked beef ribs or marinated portobello mushrooms.*

ALCOHOL 14.7%  
HARVESTED Oct 24, 2020  
VINEYARDS 100% Spanish Springs Vineyard  
CLONE Alban  
AGING Barrel Aged in 12.5% New French Oak for 16 Months  
BOTTLED May 31, 2022  
CASES PRODUCED 188  
RETAIL PRICE \$52



## RECIPE: CLAYBURGERS

In recent years the humble hamburger has assumed gargantuan proportions. In many restaurants these culinary monsters are so big that they need to be “smashed” in order to be wedged into the average diner’s maw.

In contrast, the recipe below stresses quality over quantity, yielding four patties that are modest in size but generous in flavor.

### Ingredients:

1 lb. ground beef, grass fed	½ tsp chili powder
¼ cup breadcrumbs or panko	3 dashes of Worcester sauce
2 Tbls ketchup	Salt and pepper
1 Tbls BBQ Sauce	(optional) a little hot sauce such as Tabasco or Slap Ya Mama

### Preparation:

In a large bowl combine all ingredients, using your fingers to make sure that they are distributed evenly. Divide the resulting mélange in half and then in half again to make four equal patties. Grill or fry in a little butter or oil to desired doneness. To freeze for a quick and easy dinner some other day, wrap in wax paper and then foil.



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## Cellar Club News

As the record-breaking winter rainfall comes to an end, we look forward with great anticipation to the 2023 growing season. All over the Edna Valley the vineyards have budded out, including our own Estate Vineyards. The weather over the next few months will play a critical role in how the 2023 vintage develops.

We continue to celebrate our 40th Anniversary with a Spring Cellar Club Release that includes some long-time favorites! A few weeks later we will take it a step further by releasing two special Anniversary Wines: a 40th Year Sparkling Wine and a new “Jubiläum” Pinot Noir.

As we look back over the last forty years, we realize more than ever how much of our success is due to the friendship and support of many people, too numerous to name. But you can count yourselves among them!

-- Clay & Fredericka Thompson

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