

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL

Pinot Noir Edna Valley

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About the Wine

Claiborne & Churchill's 2012 "Classic" Pinot Noir certainly lives up to its name! More than any vintage in recent memory, the 2012 exhibits those qualities of structure and flavor that are considered "classic" hallmarks of this remarkable grape. Its seductive flavors of berries and herbs are revealed within a solid structure of good acidity and just the right amount of toasty oak. Fruity but balanced, robust but elegant, it prides itself not on flamboyance but on that ethereal delicacy that makes Pinot Noir the object of such affection among wine lovers. Surely this is a classic example of "an iron fist in a velvet glove."

Pinot Noir has been a part of Claiborne & Churchill since our sixth vintage in 1988. In those early days, Pinot Noir was considered a "cult wine," and we only made a couple of hundred cases a year. Now, among the three different bottlings we do, our case production has risen to almost 1,600.

Our "Classic" Pinot Noir is the only one of the three in widespread distribution. The fruit comes from several different vineyards in our Edna Valley and represents seven different clones of Pinot Noir. It is thus a true reflection of the excellent terroir of this cool-climate viticultural area.

We recommend Pinot Noir with many different foods. It has the good balance and soft tannins that make it one of the most food-friendly of red wines. Pair it with beef tenderloin, with veal or lamb, duck and game, and with truffles and cheese.

VINTAGE 2012

SUGGESTED RETAIL \$28.00

ALCOHOL 13.8% pH 3.4 TA 6.8

RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.05%

HARVESTED September 18 and October 2, 3, 5, 15 2012

BRIX AT HARVEST 23° - 24.5°

BOTTLED May 23, 2013

CASES PRODUCED 1,222 750ml

VINEYARDS 80% Twin Creeks, Edna Valley AVA and
20% Wolff Vineyards, Edna Valley AVA
(Clones #113, 115,667, 777, 2A, Martini and Pommard)
