

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL WINERY



FALL 2022

Cellar Club News

Greetings All! It's harvest time once again, and – can you believe it? -- this is our 40th harvest! What started as a rather cool growing season suddenly burst into a brutal heat wave, leaving all of us scrambling to get the ripened fruit harvested as soon as possible. We began picking on Labor Day Weekend with Pinot Noir from our neighbors at Greengate Ranch & Vineyard, and it seems like every day brings in a new batch of grapes to be crushed by Winemaker Zack Geers and his valiant crew.

To prepare you for the cool months ahead, we've selected four exciting new wines to enjoy.

-- Clay & Fredericka Thompson

2021 DRY RIESLING, CENTRAL COAST

Let's start off with one of our hallmark Alsatian-style white wines, the 2021 Central Coast Dry Riesling. We blend Riesling from our Estate Vineyard with fruit from a similarly cool climate up in Monterey County's Santa Lucia Highlands. At harvest we cold press the fruit before fermenting its juice to dryness and aging it in a stainless steel tank. The resulting wine showcases exotic aromas of honey, spice, and cantaloupe.

Flavors of summer melon, anise, and dried citrus peel are well integrated with the Riesling's delicate body and spritely acidity. This wine is ready to drink, although extended bottle-aging will bring about interesting, complex nuances not found in a young wine. We recommend pairing the 2021 Dry Riesling with woodfired pizza with white sauce, grilled halibut, or Thanksgiving turkey.

ALCOHOL 12.7% | R.S. 0.06%

HARVESTED
October 13, 2021

VINEYARD 60% La Estancia,
Monterey County and 40%
Claiborne Vineyard, Edna
Valley AVA

AGING 100% Tank Fermented
and Aged

BOTTLED July 8, 2022

CASES PRODUCED 471

RETAIL PRICE \$25



2021 PINOT NOIR BLANC

One of the great advantages of producing Pinot Noir here in the Edna Valley is the flexibility we have to create a variety of red wines from a single grape variety. In fact, we can actually produce a stunning white out of Pinot Noir!

After picking the grapes early, we press the Pinot Noir clusters gently, limiting the color extraction and flavor influence from the skins. From there, half of the juice is fermented in tank while the other half is barrel-fermented.

In the glass, the aromas range from guava and papaya to toasted brioche. The palate offers fresh minerality, candied almonds and a beautifully textured finish. This Pinot Noir Blanc pairs perfectly with roast chicken, semi-hard cheeses, and creamy pasta dishes.

ALCOHOL 13%

HARVESTED
September 22, 2021

VINEYARDS
100% Estate Twin Creeks, Edna Valley AVA

AGING 100% Neutral French Oak, Aged 9
Months in Barrel

BOTTLED July 8, 2022

CASES PRODUCED 137

RETAIL PRICE \$36



2020 STRAW BALE RED

After many years of producing and selling wines out of a small warehouse in a San Luis Obispo industrial area, we proudly opened our new Straw Bale winery to the public in 1996. It was the first winery in the United States and the first commercial business in California to be insulated with rice straw. Our

Straw Bale Red is a red blend that pays tribute to our straw bale structure, a way of honoring our humble beginnings. For this wine, Winemaker Zack Geers has crafted a seamless blend of Syrah and Pinot Noir, creating a wine that is downright delicious.

The aromas are smokey, meaty, and a hint of clove spice. Flavors of ripe plum and strawberry jam are framed by soft tannins and a velvety smooth finish. This wine will pair nicely with BBQ ribs, smoked chicken wings, or spicy pastas.

ALCOHOL 13.9%

VINEYARD 60% Syrah,
Spanish Springs Vineyard
and 40% Pinot Noir, Twin
Creeks Vineyard

AGING Aged 14 Months in
Neutral French Oak

BOTTLED March 8, 2022

CASES PRODUCED 110

RETAIL PRICE \$30



**Premier Cru members will also receive our 2021 Dry Gewürztraminer and the 2020 Classic Pinot Noir.*

2020 SYRAH, SPANISH SPRINGS VINEYARD

Grown in the hills of Price Canyon between Edna Valley and Pismo beach, Spanish Springs Vineyard demonstrates the ideal qualities that you would expect from cool climate varietals. This new 2020 Spanish Springs Vineyard Syrah derives much of its flavor and structure from its coastal microclimate as well as the sand loam soils residing in the bottom of the canyon.

Following an extended aging process in French Oak, the wine opens up with beautiful aromas of dark berries, black pepper, and notes of cinnamon-sugar confectionery. The palate boasts intense blackberry jam, fresh herb, and earthy spice flavors. The tannins are remarkably well-integrated and the finish long and lingering. This is a perfect contender to pair with braised lamb shanks, grass-fed cheeseburgers, or grilled vegetables.

ALCOHOL 14.1%

HARVESTED
October 24, 2020

VINEYARDS 100% Span-
ish Springs Vineyard, San
Luis Obispo County

AGING 100.% Neutral
French Oak, Aged 7
Months in Barrel

BOTTLED May 31, 2022

CASES PRODUCED 125

RETAIL PRICE \$44



UPCOMING EVENTS

Make a reservation today!

SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER | 1-4PM

SONGWRITER SUNDAYS

Pack a picnic and join us for wine and live music by local musicians! Enjoy wine by the flight, glass or bottle in our spacious garden while our C&C team member serves you tableside.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 | 4-7PM

Fall Tasting Experience for Cellar Club Members

We invite members of our Cellar Club to join us as we celebrate harvest and our wonderful new Fall releases! Enjoy a tasting flight and paired with delicious Thai Food by Sister Kitchen!

**RSVP Link will be sent via email.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 1-4PM

FALL JAZZ CONCERT WITH KATHRYN LOOMIS & CO.

Join us for our an evening of wine, food, and jazz! Enjoy delicious food by Bear City Social and timeless jazz by Kathryn Loomis & Co.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 5:30-7:30PM

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for Trivia Night in the garden! C&C Team Member, Zach Zimmerman will be our host for the evening. Teams can include 1-6 guests. Delicious Thai food for purchase by Sister Kitchen.

**No event fee, simply pay for what you consume.*

Prizes for 1st - 3rd place!

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11-13

SLO COAST HARVEST ON THE COAST WEEKEND

Save the date for this action packed event. The Grand Tasting is back in person; we see you in Avila Beach on November 12! Stay tuned for more details!