

# CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL

## Pinot Noir Edna Valley



### About the Wine

The “Classic” Pinot Noir is a staple in the Claiborne & Churchill line-up. This hand-crafted wine has always been revered for its elegance, lovely fruit and spice, and translucent color, quite reminiscent of the “Old World” style of Burgundy.

Ever since the 2013 harvest, we’ve anticipated the release of this “Classic” Pinot bottling. The growing season produced higher than average yields with exceptional quality to back it. Winemaker Coby Parker-Garcia worked with 5 clones of Pinot Noir from two of our favorite vineyards in the Edna Valley. After fermentation, the wine aged for 8 months in French oak barrels before bottling.

Upon first sampling this wine, we were surprised by its remarkable complexity and structure. It exhibits a medley of cherries, cranberries, earth and spice, followed by hints of oak and a softly tannic finish. We can’t wait to see how well it opens up over the next few years. Though Pinot Noir can be paired with practically everything, some of our favorites to pair with the 2013 “Classic” Pinot Noir are pork tenderloin, duck medallions, and cioppino.

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VINTAGE 2013

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SUGGESTED RETAIL \$28.00

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ALCOHOL 13.9% pH 3.52

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RESIDUAL SUGAR <0.05%

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HARVESTED September 21 - October 11, 2013

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BRIX AT HARVEST 23° - 24.5°

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BOTTLED June 4, 2014

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CASES PRODUCED 996 750ml

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VINEYARDS 86% Twin Creeks, Edna Valley AVA and  
14% Wolff Vineyards, Edna Valley AVA  
(Clones 45% #113, 24% 2A, 14% Martini, 7% #777, 7% #115)

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