

2023 DRY RIESLING, CENTRAL COAST

This Alsatian-style white wine has been a hallmark of Claiborne & Churchill for over 40 years. At harvest, Riesling grapes from two of the coolest wine regions in California are pressed, fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks, giving the wine its refreshing flavors and crisp, clean finish.

As this Riesling's bouquet begins to open up, aromas of whetstone and graphite intersect with lively notes of jasmine and apple. On the palate, flavors of lemon zest, and summer melon are elevated by the wine's bracing acidity. This Riesling has the gift of enhancing a wide variety of foods without seeking to dominate them. A few recommendations we suggest are lobster rolls, pork scaloppini, or your favorite spicy Thai dish.



ALCOHOL 12.8%
HARVESTED Oct 10 & 19, 2023
VINEYARDS 68.5% La Estancia, Monterey County and 31.5% Claiborne Vineyard, Edna Valley AVA
AGING 100% Stainless Steel Fermented and Aged
BOTTLED April 4, 2024
CASES PRODUCED 393
RETAIL PRICE \$30

2023 CHARDONNAY, SPANISH SPRINGS VINEYARD

Spanish Springs Vineyard resides only a couple of miles from the Pacific Ocean where the climate is quite cool and the marine shale, limestone, and sandstone soils allow grape growing of the highest caliber. We find that by eschewing the use of new French oak and instead fermenting and aging the Chardonnay from this vineyard in stainless steel we can create an attractive "Chablis style" wine that balances prominent fruit tones with a structurally sound body.

Out of the glass, this wine opens with aromas of peach rings, butterscotch and apple. Flavors of pear, tropical fruits, and banana custard are embraced by nice acidity and a full yet smooth mouthfeel. This 2023 Chardonnay pairs perfectly with a variety of foods, spanning from fresh oysters to mushroom risotto to rich and creamy scalloped potatoes.



ALCOHOL 13.3%
HARVESTED Oct 11, 2023
VINEYARD 100% Spanish Springs
CLONE 96
AGING 100% Stainless Steel Fermented and Aged
BOTTLED June 4, 2024
CASES PRODUCED 146
RETAIL PRICE \$38

2022 RUNESTONE PINOT NOIR

The wine we call "Runestone" is the pinnacle of our Pinot Noir production, and for more than three decades our Runestone Pinot has reflected our winemaker's ability to identify and showcase the standout barrels of Pinot Noir in our cellar. Such is the case with our 2022 Runestone Noir.

This beautiful Pinot Noir leads with its pronounced aromas of festive spices, sweet tobacco, and dried cranberries. The palate shows spiced chutney, baked cherry, and a tantalizing oak presence. The wine's soft tannins, layered textures, and ample heft suggest promising aging potential over the next 4-6 years. Enjoy it with duck breast with blackberry sauce, baked brie, or roast turkey.



ALCOHOL 14.2%
HARVESTED Sept 2-17, 2022
VINEYARDS 14% Twin Creeks, 29% Greengate Ranch, and 57% Spanish Springs
AGING Barrel Aged in 29% New French Oak barrels for 10 months
BOTTLED August 15, 2023
CASES PRODUCED 165
RETAIL PRICE \$65

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL WINERY



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Cellar Club News

In case you haven't heard, Harvest 2024 is in full swing! The energy around this place is infectious as we all look forward to producing new vintages of your favorite wines. Harvest started on September 3 when we crushed Clone 943 of Pinot Noir from Greengate Ranch & Vineyard. Since then, it's been full steam ahead! All summer our Edna Valley lived up to its reputation as ideal "cool climate viticulture", where the evenings were cool, the early mornings were foggy, and the sun broke through and brought us warm days by mid-morning. This helped the grapes ripen slowly and evenly. We anticipate wrapping up harvest by the last week of October. And since the weather has begun to cool down a bit, we thought we'd offer you a few wines we think you'll really enjoy over the autumn season.

-- Clay & Fredericka Thompson