

CLAIBORNE & CHURCHILL

2022 WHITE LABEL PINOT NOIR

THE GROWING SEASON

The 2022 growing season had all the ideal characteristics: mild to cold and long hang time. We did experience an unexpected heat spike, however all of our Pinot Noir was already harvested and no longer vulnerable to the heat. The year was marked by the evenness and mildness of the conditions.

THE VINEYARDS

Both of the vineyards used in this blend are across the road from the winery in the Edna Valley of San Luis Obispo. The Twin Creeks Vineyard is a low-lying area typified by clay soils and a pattern of later ripening. The fruit from Greengate Ranch and Vineyard is from southwest facing rolling hills comprised of diablo and tierra loam soils. These selections tend to make wines that are more about finesse than power.

WINEMAKING

All ferments are carried out in small open top bins which allow a gentle manual punchdown extraction. They proceed at a lower temperature than is standard resulting in enhanced aroma. The wine is aged in Neutral French oak barrels so as not to obscure the delicate nature of this wine. Both the blending and the bottling are done early to preserve freshness.

FLAVORS

This light bright red wine gives an initial impression of cranberries, raspberries, briar patch and a hint of orange spiced tea. Underlying these primary aromas are a range of complexing aspects such as ollalaberry, strawberry, umami, and cola. The mouthfeel and palate is soft and silky. It's ready to drink now but will only get even better with time!

VINEYARDS

68% TWIN CREEKS VINEYARD
AND 32% GREENGATE RANCH &
VINEYARD, EDNA VALLEY AVA

CLONES

POMMARD, 115, 667 AND 2A

HARVESTED

SEPTEMBER 5, 9, and 17 2022

BRIX AT HARVEST

24.5°

BARREL AGING

100% NEUTRAL FRENCH OAK
AGED 7 MONTHS IN BARREL

ALCOHOL

13.7%

BOTTLED

MAY 16, 2023

CASES PRODUCED

585 750ML

