

## 2012 ESTATE PINOT NOIR

**THE VINEYARDS** Chamisal was the first vineyard planted in the Edna Valley in 1973 and now contains 80 acres planted to 5 varieties and 25 clonal selections. The nearby Pacific ocean creates a long temperate growing season for exceptional hang time, which combines with the calcareous, clay-rich soil to produce fruit with exceptional intensity and complex flavors.

**VINTAGE** 2012 was a classic vintage. A very dry, cold winter led into a spring with increased rainfall just prior to budbreak, giving the vines a nice drink to start the growing season. Spring temperatures increased quickly generating rapid vine growth while warm, calm conditions during flowering ensured a healthy yield. A long, consistent summer allowed even ripening with retention of acidity and the absence of harvest heat waves allowed picking at perfect maturity.

**WINEMAKING** Our Pinot Noir was hand harvested at night in 28 separate picks. After meticulous hand sorting, the grapes were destemmed with a small percentage left whole cluster. Each pick was fermented separately in small open-top fermentors. A pre-fermentation cold soak of three to seven days was used to increase color and density. Fermentation was achieved using a combination of both native and cultured yeasts with low fermentation temperatures giving soft phenolics and fresh aromatics. After total fermentor time of 10 to 14 days, the wines were then racked to French oak barrels for seven months before blending and an additional four months in the barrel.

**CLONAL SELECTION** This diverse blend of clones gives this wine its unique character and serves to show the terroir of our wonderful vineyard very clearly.

**TASTING NOTES** Delightful notes of cherry pie, spiced red plum, black fig, cherry cola, vanilla bean and distinctive Chamisal spice swirl from our 2012 Pinot Noir. Bright strawberry and cherry fruit flood the palate, framed by elegant tannins, vibrant acidity and subtle hints of cocoa powder and cherry blossom on the lasting finish.

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Appellation	Chamisal Vineyard, Edna Valley
Varietal	100% Pinot Noir
Clones	2A, 113, 114, 115, 667, 943, Pommard, Archery Summit
Oak Treatment	11 months in 35% new French oak
Alcohol	13.8%
Cases Made	3,045
Release Date	May 2014
SRP	\$40

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