

WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

ADVENTURE



December 2009 Selections:

- Chandon Sparkling Pinot Noir (USA)
- Edna Valley Vineyard Pinot Noir, Paragon, Edna Valley '07 (USA)

Dear Wine Lover,

Happy holidays, as California wineries continue their ascent to the top of the wine world, there becomes less and less of a need to go beyond our country's borders to find some of the world's best wines. Both the [Chandon Sparkling Pinot Noir](#) (93 pts *Wine Enthusiast*) and the ['07 Edna Valley Vyd Pinot Noir](#) (91 pts on my scale) have made marks that the French can only dream of-both wines are wonderfully balanced efforts.

Ever since the early days of super premium California wines some 40 years ago, vintners have been searching for the ways in the vineyards and in the wineries to tame the alcohol that sometimes earmarks California wines. While some producers have capitalized from the heat of the California sun, these two producers have spent over three decades in making the wines as fine as possible.

Totally gifted for the holidays, both of these wines make the grade as superb holiday wines. Great with succulent, roast turkey, one can begin the evening with the bubbly and finish the entrée with the still. From the dynamic duo, you will understand why Pinot Noir is the wine that so many aficionados simply can't get enough of. Good health to all of you as you enjoy a deliciously balanced holiday season with the golden state's best bounty.

Cheers!

Wilfred Wong
Cellar Master

WINERY NOTES

Chandon Sparkling Wine Pinot Noir Reserve, Napa/Sonoma Counties:

Reserve Pinot Noir Brut is a blend of some of the finest fruit from our vineyards. Rich and robust, this sparkling is an ideal match with food. A complex sparkling wine created in a robust style that offers weight and dimension to the palate. With extended time on the yeast, this wine has a creamy texture, combining aromas of toasted hazelnuts with notes of black cherry, baked apple and ginger.



Edna Valley Vyd Pinot Noir, Paragon, Edna Valley '07

Production Notes:

2007 was a benchmark vintage in San Luis Obispo. It started off cool with moderate temperatures that continued throughout the growing season. Meticulously maintained, the vines in the valley are farmed to exacting specifications and winemakers were able to push the Pinot Noir to perfect ripeness, ultimately harvesting well into mid-September. The resulting clusters were well-developed with small berries and concentrated flavors. The 2007 Pinot Noir showcases the varietal and the superiority of the vintage in true fashion.

