

**2011 Center Of Effort Chardonnay
Edna Valley**

The 2011 Chardonnay is gorgeous. Aged 22 months in 45% new French oak, it offers up impressive orchard fruit, tangerine, distinct minerality and plenty of toast and spice notes to go with a medium to full-bodied, rich, layered and pure style. It has vibrant, yet integrated acidity, and stays nicely focused and clean on the finish. It's a serious value and will drink nicely over the coming 2-4 years.

A new estate for me, Center of Effort is located in the Edna Valley and is owned/run by Rob Rossi and Bill Swanson. The wines are made by Mike Sinor. These are solid across the board.

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**2012 Center Of Effort Chardonnay
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In the same ballpark, the 2012 Chardonnay is a rich, soft and textured white that has classic white peach, citrus blossom, brioche and plenty of toasty notes to go with a medium-bodied, clean and forward feel. Drink it over the coming year or two.

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**2011 Center Of Effort Pinot Noir
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Leading off the reds, the 2011 Pinot Noir is beautiful wine that makes the most of the vintage. Possessing a darker, earthier slant, with black cherry, Asian spice and toast, it's medium-bodied, rich and nicely concentrated on the palate. It's an outstanding Pinot Noir to drink over the coming 3-5 years.

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**2012 Center Of Effort Pinot Noir
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Similarly styled, yet slightly more fresh and fruit forward, the 2012 Pinot Noir spent 19 months in 35% new French oak, with the balance in neutral barrels. It gives up impressive currants, spring flowers and underbrush in its medium-bodied, supple and layered palate. The 2011 has a more classical feel, but I love the fruit and purity here. It should be consumed over the coming 3-5 years as well.

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**2013 Center Of Effort Pinot Noir
Rose**

The 2013 Pinot Noir Rose offers a Provencal style in its sweet red cherry fruit, salty minerality and spice-driven aromas and flavors. Enjoy this medium-bodied, fresh and juicy effort over the coming year.

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