

Wine of the Week: Educated Guess, Carneros, Pinot Noir 2012



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Educated Guess, Carneros, Pinot Noir 2012, \$19.99-\$22.99

The Carneros wine region of Northern California spreads across the southern ends of the Napa and Sonoma valleys. Its weather is cooled by fog from San Pablo Bay, which makes it ideal for excellent pinot noir, chardonnay and sparkling wines. This 2012 pinot is young, fresh and lively with comely dark cherry and strawberry fruit layered with a bit of spice and herbs. In the mouth it feels like velvet, with vibrant acidity and polished tannins.

Pinot noir is a versatile food wine that soothes the spicy flavors of a hot Italian sausage and consorts happily with the fruit flavors of a roast pork with apples and fennel.

Educated Guess is a project of the Roots Run Deep Winery, the brain child of Mark Albrecht, a wine professional who believes that wines should be good and affordable. His 20 years in the wine business have given him the contacts to help him source high-quality grapes. His winemaker is Barry Gnekow, who is considered one of California's best consulting winemakers.

It's available at Total Wine and select Whole Foods

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