

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2021 Chenin Blanc



Chenin Blanc is a versatile grape from the Loire Valley region of France. The wines range from dry to semi-sweet to sweet wines; still to sparkling; stainless steel to oak aged. The varietal caught the attention of Jim Clendenen. He planted a few acres at his estate Rancho La Cuna Vineyard in Los Alamos Valley. He liked the results so added a few more acres. Perhaps the wine's most redeeming feature besides its delightful fruit forward nature, is its food compatibility.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Rancho La Cuna

VARIETAL:
100% Chenin Blanc

COOPERAGE:
Neutral François Frères French
Oak barrels

HARVEST: October 11, 2021

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7.9 g/L

pH: 3.15

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$24

CLENDENEN FAMILY VINEYARDS

Created in 2000, the Clendenen Family brand is a project of passion. There is no doubt quality is here along with the ABC signature of balance, finesse, and longevity. Clendenen Family wines diversity offers something for everyone. The wines are true to their varietal characteristics, are beautifully balanced, and reflect the skill of the winemaking.

From The Winemaker

This is a serious Chenin Blanc with the delightful fruit, firm structure, and crisp finish creating a sophisticated expression. The fruit is from eight year old vines planted at our estate Rancho La Cuna Vineyard in the Los Alamos Valley. Though the region does not have its own appellation, the wines are distinctive.

Tasting Notes

From our estate vineyard, this dry, friendly white shows classic quince and crisp apple-like flavors that are beautifully stated. The balance is exquisite. Fermentation in neutral french oak barrels until dry, compliments the intriguing minerality and firm acidity.

Food Pairings

Chenin Blanc is a perfect aperitif wine, but is even better when paired with food. Perfect pairing is seafood risotto.

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