

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2019 Chardonnay, "The Pip"



Styled to emphasize the fruit from the noted Le Bon Climat vineyard, the Pip Chard is a great value. This is a curvaceous wine offering green apple, stone fruit and subtle tropical fruit aromas and flavors underscored by minerality and a touch of oak.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Le Bon Climat

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE:
12 months François Frères
French oak

HARVEST: October 11, 2019

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7.6 g/L

pH: 3.38

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$25

From The Winemaker

The 'Pip' Chardonnay is made with the same 'hand-crafted' approach as all our Clendenen Family Wines. All the grapes are handpicked and sorted in the vineyard. The grapes are gently whole cluster pressed, the juice is chilled and settled and put into barrel. Both the yeast and malo-lactic fermentations take place in the barrel. The 'Pip' Chardonnay was aged in barrel sur lie for a full year prior to bottling. We lightly fine and filter the 'Pip' Chardonnay so the wine will be ready to drink upon release.

Tasting Notes

The wine is complex, full bodied and enjoyable now, so no need to wait. The citrus/apple notes in the aroma mesh nicely the stone fruit and tropical flavors that are underscored by minerality and a touch of oak. As the wine ages the fruit notes on the palate will evolve into more spice and nuts. A great value.

Food Pairings

Currently this young Chardonnay would work as an aperitif or with lighter fare such as filet of sole, crab salad, or pasta with a bechamel sauce.

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.

THE "PIP" WINES PROJECT

Pip was the best dog in the world. There might be many other dogs in contention but if you met Pip you would agree. She chased the ball and the Frisbee for hours, all while hiding between throws. Pip the border collie was at the winery most days. We could not name just one wine after this dog. We memorialize her with an entire line-up of wines.

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