

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2016 Chardonnay, Le Bon Climat



The wine is plush and enveloping, and yet like all of Jim Clendenen's wines, it also remains light on its feet. Hints of apricot, orange, floral-infused honey and new French oak flesh out in a wine of real textural depth and resonance. The 2016 is extroverted and fleshy, yet it is also holding back some of its potential.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Le Bon Climat

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE:
20 months 100% new François
Frères French oak barrels

HARVEST: September 25, 2016

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.45

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 12 mg/100mL

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

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.

ACCOLADES

JEB DUNNUCK

95

WINEENTHUSIAST 94

Antonio Galloni
vinous 94

From The Winemaker

Our 2016 Clendenen Family Vineyards Chardonnay is our 16th release of this wine, and, as usual, a very limited production. All of the grapes are handpicked and sorted in the vineyard. Fermentations and aging was done in 100% new François Frères french oak barrel. After the first year in barrel, the wine is racked and processed before going back to barrel to age for another 8 months.

Tasting Notes

The 2016 Chardonnay Le Bon Climat is sensual and inviting, with soft contours, bright fruit and compelling balance. Lemon confit, apricot, white flower and a kiss of new French oak all meld together effortlessly. A wine of sublime grace and finesse, the 2016 is absolutely striking. A wine of hidden power, it will continue to develop.

Food Pairings

Chardonnay of this style with balance and intensity will go with so many different foods. Try it with some fresh caught Alaskan Salmon for a real treat.

Au Bon Climat & Clendenen Family Vineyards

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