

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2017 Chardonnay, Le Bon Climat



Le Bon Climat Vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley appellation was one of the first vineyards in Santa Barbara County planted with Dijon Clones of Chardonnay on devigorating rootstock; this scion-rootstock combination limits yields naturally. Low vigor vines grow slowly and set few grapes. The small number of clusters ripen with richness, power and intensity.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Le Bon Climat

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE:
18 months François Frères
French oak barrels (350L)

HARVEST: September 20, 2017

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7.5 g/L

pH: 3.4

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

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

Antonio Galloni
vinous

95

Wine & Spirits

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From The Winemaker

Our 2017 Clendenen Family Vineyards Chardonnay is our 17th 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 350 liter François Frères french oak barrels. 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

Lemon confit, tropical fruit, apricot and a kiss of new French oak all build nicely in this beautifully structured wine, while retaining gorgeous freshness. White pepper, chalk and mint lend aromatic brilliances on the close. Light on the palate but still mouth-filling, the wine has hidden power.

Food Pairings

Chardonnay of this style with balance and intensity will go with so many different foods from seared scallops, or Alaskan salmon, to Chantrelle raviloi with bechamel sauce.

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