

Clendenen Family Vineyards



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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.

2021 Grenache Gris



On a sun-bathed hillside in the Los Alamos Valley, Jim Clendenen has a small vineyard on a 100 acre estate. This vineyard is planted to “cool” cutting edge varieties. Grenache Gris indicates the grapes have a pink color at harvest, much like Pinot Gris or Gewurztraminer. Many of us have heard of Grenache Noir, the red Grenache and Grenache Blanc, but very few know Grenache Gris. Grenache Gris is an obscure variety that has been grown in the south of France for eons.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Ynez Valley

VINEYARD:
Clendenen Estate in Los Alamos

VARIETAL:
100% Grenache Gris

COOPERAGE:
8 months Neutral François
Frères French Oak barrels

HARVEST: October 29, 2021

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 6.1 g/L

pH: 3.07

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$25

From The Winemaker

We hand harvest the grapes, whole cluster press, barrel ferment, complete malolactic fermentation, age in neutral barrels for a few months, and bottle at 8 months of age.

Tasting Notes

The Grenache Gris creates an easy drinking wine that has massive appeal, with structure and flavors not unlike an expensive White Hermitage with its restrained stone fruit character and mineral backbone. Aromas of lavender and white peach round out the wine. The rich mouthfeel shows the grapes fully ripened without excess alcohol.

Food Pairings

The perfect aperitif wine or for a summer luncheon of crab or chicken salad over mixed greens.

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