

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2021 Mondeuse Rosé



Sophisticated yet engaging. A soft blush color with delicate aromas of ripe wild strawberry and watermelon makes this enticing and oh-so-drinkable. Dry with complex flinty notes. Try this wine as an aperitif, or match with calamari, tuna salad Niçoise, or chicken curry.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido

VARIETAL:
100% Mondeuse

COOPERAGE:
Neutral François Frères French
Oak barrels

HARVEST: October 22, 2021

ALCOHOL: 12%

ACIDITY: 8.2 g/L

pH: 3.15

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$20

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

The cool growing season at Bien Nacido delivers grapes with naturally high acid, no need to add acid to this wine. The only additions made to this wine are yeast for fermentation and a small amount of bentonite for fining. The grapes were hand harvested in the cold early morning hours in late October. All the grapes are destemmed and the juice for Rosé is separated immediately after destemming to keep color and tannin extraction to a minimum. The Rosé juice is settled over night to keep the fermentation clean. We don't want leesy flavors in the Rosé. The juice goes through primary and malo-lactic fermentation in clean neutral barrels. After short barrel aging, four months, the wine is processed and bottled.

Tasting Notes

This Rosé always shows light, lovely notes of strawberry and grapefruit. The wine is fermented in only older barrels, so there is no oak flavor in the wine, allowing the fruit and spice to come through. This light, dry wine is broad but not overpowering. It is sophisticated, balanced, and easy to drink now, but will evolve and open up over the next year.

Food Pairings

A perfect wine to enjoy outside with friends. Favorite pairings are roast turkey, quiche Lorraine, or salad Niçoise on the deck.

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