

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2016 90% Syrah / 10% Viognier



A blend of 90% Syrah and 10% Viognier aged 3 years in barrel. A gorgeous perfume of crushed blackberries, fresh violets, and earthy spice. The palate is rich and supple, with a deep, lush Syrah character that makes this wine intriguing and enjoyable now.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Rancho La Cuna

VARIETAL:
90% Syrah, 10% Viognier

COOPERAGE:
François Frères Hungarian Oak
500L puncheons

HARVEST: September 22, 2016

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7 g/L

pH: 3.41

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

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

This wine is low-alcohol, very aromatic, and classically modeled. The Syrah and Viognier grapes were co-fermented, a style that is often seen in the Rhône region of France that takes the tannic, muscular Syrah and with the 10% addition of Viognier, gives it suppleness. Aging for approximately five years in 500-liter Hungarian oak puncheons provided additional complexity and subtle oak flavors.

Tasting Notes

The aromas are quite floral, with green, white, and black pepper. In the mouth, the honeysuckle and peach Viognier notes intertwine with dense but soft purple fruit, hard spice, and earth from Syrah. Unlike hot climate shiraz which can be stupid, and sweet, the cool climate of Santa Barbara County allows, this wine to reflect balance, elegance, and varietal integrity.

Food Pairings

Think southern France, outdoor patio, chicken stuffed with Fresh herbs under the skin, butterflied leg of lamb with mustard and herb crust.

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