

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2015 Viognier, “Second Coming”



Cool climate Viognier is hard to find in California. Viognier has a wonderful honeysuckle note when grown in warmer climates, but in cooler climates the honeysuckle is still there, but so is structure, acidity and balance. Le Bon Climat is truly cool climate, located on the edge of the Santa Maria Valley. You can see the Pacific on a clear day 18 miles right down the Santa Maria River. The ocean influence moves right up the valley and keeps Le Bon Climat vineyard cool and sunny most of the growing season.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Le Bon Climat

VARIETAL:
100% Viognier

COOPERAGE:
4 years 50% new François
Frères French oak

HARVEST: August 30, 2015

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 6.9 g/L

pH: 3.4

RESIDUAL SUGAR:
40mg/100mL

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$40

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 Clendenen Family wines are meant to be delicious, well-constructed wines which will age well. We pick grapes when the balance of sugar/acid/flavor/tannin are ideal. The Viognier grapes were hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard. Le Bon Climat is only five miles from our winery, so these freshly picked grapes were being pressed in no time and put to barrel for fermentation. After four years age in François Frères french oak barrels (50% new), the wine has evolved past the fruit-only stage to a wine of balance and complexity. Quality fruit and hands-on care are evident in our 2015 ‘Second Coming’ Viognier.

Tasting Notes

Our “reserve” Viognier is a luscious, viscous dry white. The 2015 is tasting phenomenal now! Subtle aromas of pear, stone fruit, melon and honeysuckle are joined by white peach, tangerine blossom and vanillin on the palate. The wine is elegant but powerful with a captivating minerality.

Food Pairings

A complex wine like this the ideal food pairings is a long list. Favorites include mild curries, sauteed buttery scallops, and since this is a flavorful wine, try roast pork or chicken.

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