

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.

THE “PIP” WINES PROJECT

Pip was the best dog in the world. There might be many other dogs in contention but if you met Pip you would agree. She chased the ball and the Frisbee for hours, all while hiding between throws. Pip the border collie was at the winery most days. We could not name just one wine after this dog. We memorialize her with an entire line-up of wines.

2019 Nebbiolo, “The Pip”



Jim Clendenen loved Italy - the culture, landscape, cuisine and wines. He especially appreciated their wine's food friendly nature and decided to make wine from Italian grape varieties in Santa Barbara County in the 1980s. His first attempts were revolutionary at the time. Today, under the Clendenen Family label, we continue to produce high-quality Nebbiolos in the cool Santa Maria Valley in the Old World style. This includes long term aging, a necessity due to the high acidity and the abundance of tannin found in the varietal. Our three different styles of Nebbiolo are now highly sought after. The Pip is the most rustic and fruit forward of the group.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Rancho Sisquoc

VARIETAL:
100% Nebbiolo

COOPERAGE:
3 years François Frères
Hungarian Oak 500L and neutral
French Oak barrels

HARVEST: September 23 -
October 3, 2019
(multiple pickings)

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 5.7 g/L

pH: 3.49

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$25

From The Winemaker

Our Nebbiolo for PIP is grown in the cool Santa Maria Valley at Rancho Sisquoc, one of the oldest vineyards in this region. It is a late-ripening varietal, but always has great acidity when harvested. The 2019 “Pip” Nebbiolo shows all the attributes of good Nebbiolo. After initial fermentation in open-top fermentors, the wine is put in both 500L Hungarian oak puncheons and neutral French oak barrels for 3 years. Nebbiolo benefits from extended oak aging as the tannins mellow and all the flavor components become more integrated. The color of the 2019 is deep garnet. Nebbiolo is a light skinned grape and produces a red wine (Not Black) if grown and made honestly.

Tasting Notes

A rambunctious, rustic, dense red with juicy flavors of crushed plums and red berries along with nuances of dried roses and earth. Three years barrel age brought all the components together harmoniously. The wine has classic Nebbiolo character accented by bright acidity and moderated tannins. Vibrant yet balanced, it is a versatile, food friendly wine.

Food Pairings

From fun to serious, try with barbecued spareribs, pasta bolognese or osso bucco.

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