

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.

2016 Petit Verdot



Petit Verdot is principally used in classic red Bordeaux blends. Because of its bold nature, commonly less than 10% is usually added to most blends. As Petit Verdot ripens so much later than the other Bordeaux varieties, it may seem surprising the varietal ripens so well at a cold vineyard like Bien Nacido. It is a variety known to have strong tannin, very dark color and a multitude of flavors that complements a Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot blend, but is not bottled separately.

Though long thought of as only a blending grape, Petit Verdot is one of the most successful varietals of the Bordeaux family when grown in the Santa Maria Valley. The location creates a wine worthy of its own bottling.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido Estate Plantings

VARIETAL:
100% Petit Verdot

COOPERAGE:
3 years, 50% new Taransaud
French oak barrels

HARVEST: October 1, 2016

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 6.7 g/L

pH: 3.31

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

From The Winemaker

We use a slow, long, fermentation in small open tanks for complete extraction. The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in 50% new Taransaud french oak barrels where it is also aged for 3 years, then fined and bottled unfiltered. It is a hallmark Central Coast red.

Tasting Notes

It is dense and inky yet with grace. Lovely Bordeaux characteristics along with a classic dark berry character with back notes of sage and lavender, and medium, dusty tannins. Drinking very well now, but has the structure to easily age an additional 5-10 years.

Food Pairings

The age on this wine, dictates that you keep your food straight forward. A perfected seasoned grilled steak or lamb chop with baked potato.

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