

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.

2017 Petit Verdot



Petit Verdot is principally used in classic red Bordeaux blends. Because of its bold nature, commonly less than 10% is usually added. Since 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 one of the most successful varietals of the Bordeaux family when grown in the Santa Maria Valley creating a densely colored wine with a multitude of flavors. 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 6, 2017

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7.4 g/L

pH: 3.29

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$35

From The Winemaker

The fruit was hand harvested in early October. 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

A stately red of deep color, our Petit Verdot shows lovely Bordeaux characteristics that feature classic blackberry, boysenberry, and black cherry fruit with back notes of sage, lavender, and dusty tannins. The finish is long and generous. It is a well-knit wine of structure and balance. Drink now, but an additional 5-10 years will reward the patient.

Food Pairings

Enjoy with a perfectly seasoned grilled steak, herb crusted lamb roast, or truffled risotto.

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