

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2023 Grenache Gris



The Clendenen Family label is Jim Clendenen's passion project, extending beyond the Burgundian focus of Au Bon Climat. In the Los Alamos Valley, Rancho La Cuna is home to the Clendenen Family's small vineyard, dedicated to cooler climate grapes cultivated with traditional techniques. The vineyard features small parcels of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Noir, Pinot Noir, Syrah, and Grenache Gris. Grenache Gris, like Pinot Gris or Gewurztraminer, has pink-colored grapes at harvest but is much lesser known than the other varietals. The grey/pink color of Grenache Gris grapes is what makes it distinct from the classic Grenache noir and Grenache blanc. Yielding slightly more than 3 tons.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Barbara County

VINEYARD:
Rancho La Cuna

VARIETAL:
100% Grenache Gris

COOPERAGE:
8 months, François Frères
French Oak barrels

HARVEST: October 21, 2023

ALCOHOL: 12.5%

ACIDITY: 6.2 g/L

pH: 3.36

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$25

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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.

From The Winemaker

Our small section of Grenache Gris at Rancho La Cuna yields slightly more than 3 tons. We hand harvest, whole cluster press, barrel ferment, age sur lie in neutral French oak barrels for a few months, and bottle at 8 months of age. The aromas of green mango, melon, and pear balance nicely with a mineral backbone. The rich mouthfeel shows the grapes fully ripened without excess alcohol.

Tasting Notes

An intriguing nose of pear, melon rind, green mango, and passion fruit. Minerality provides structure, complemented by flavors of plum and lemon zest. A light to medium body with great acidity makes this wine effortlessly enjoyable.

Food Pairings

Serve this Grenache Gris alongside spicy Thai green curry, crab carbonara with lemon and capers, and goat cheese salad.

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