

# Clendenen Family Vineyards



## 2022 Nebbiolo, "The Pip"



Jim Clendenen's passion for Italy and its wines led him to experiment with Italian grape varieties in Santa Barbara County back in the 1980s. Although his initial attempts were ahead of their time, today, under the Clendenen Family label, we continue his legacy by crafting high-quality Nebbiolos in the cool Santa Maria Valley. We employ Old World techniques such as extended aging to tame the varietal's high acidity and abundant tannins. Among our sought-after Nebbiolos, The Pip stands out as the most rustic and fruit-forward expression of our commitment to Italian varietals.

### AT A GLANCE

**APPELLATION:**  
Santa Maria Valley

**VINEYARD:**  
Rancho Sisquoc

**VARIETAL:**  
100% Nebbiolo

**COOPERAGE:**  
24 months, neutral François  
Frères French oak barrels

**HARVEST:** September 29, 2022

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

**ACIDITY:** 8.0 g/L

**pH:** 3.29

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** <0

**SUGGESTED RETAIL:** \$35

### 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.

### 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.

### From The Winemaker

Our Nebbiolo for Pip is grown in the cool Santa Maria Valley at Rancho Sisquoc, one of the oldest vineyards in the region. This late-ripening varietal retains vibrant acidity at harvest, an essential trait for the structure and longevity of Nebbiolo. After fermentation in open-top fermentors, the wine is aged for 24 months in neutral François Frères French oak barrels before being bottled. The 2022 vintage shows expressive aromatics and layered complexity, combining bright red fruit with savory notes that reflect both the varietal and the character of the Central Coast.

### Tasting Notes

An intriguing nose of black cherry, quince, violet, and toasted almond draws you in. On the palate, punchy fruit flavors of sour raspberry and cranberry appear first, followed by complex notes of leather, freshly lumbered pine, and spiced chocolate that carry through to a lingering finish.

### Food Pairings

Nebbiolo pairs beautifully with flavorful, savory dishes. Try "The Pip" alongside braised lamb, wild mushroom pasta, or roasted pork with herbs. Its bright acidity and layered complexity also complement aged cheeses and charcuterie.

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