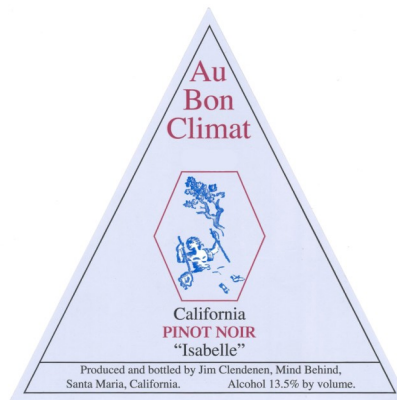




Jim Clendenen, the Mind Behind Au Bon Climat, is one of the founding winemakers in Santa Barbara County. He has been making benchmark wines under his own label since 1982. Although Jim owns his own vineyard, Le Bon Climat, at the Southern end of the Santa Maria Valley, he also sources grapes from many of the most historically significant vineyards throughout the Santa Barbara County and beyond. Jim specializes in crafting well-balanced artisan quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.



Au Bon Climat “Isabelle” Pinot Noir

California

- This cuvee is named for Jim Clendenen’s daughter.
- The Isabelle cuvee is an assemblage of the best barrels of the best vineyards that Jim Clendenen harvests in a given vintage. A few of the vineyards represented in this blend are Elke in Anderson Valley, Barham Mendelsohn in Russian River Valley, Talley Vineyard in Arroyo Grande Valley, Sanford and Benedict in the Santa Rita Hills, and Bien Nacido, Le Bon Climat and Neilson in the Santa Maria Valley.
- Often as many as 20 different clones are represented in the blend.
- The fruit is fermented in small open top fermenters, which are punched down by hand twice a daily.
- The wine is then aged for 24 months in 80% new Francois Freres French oak barrels and then blended and bottled without fining or filtration.