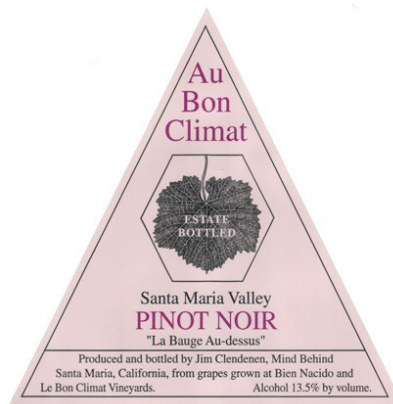




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## Au Bon Climat “La Bauge Au-dessus” Pinot Noir

*Santa Maria Valley, California*

- “La Bauge au Dessus” translates colloquially as “the wild Burgundian party upstairs.”
- The fruit for this wine is sourced from the two estate vineyards; Bien Nacido and Le Bon Climat both at an elevation of about 500-600 feet, with a south-west facing orientation and with clay loam soils. This wine is a blend of many different Pinot Noir clones.
- The fruit is fermented in open top tanks, with about 25% whole-clusters, and daily manual punchdowns.
- The wine is then transferred to French oak barrels, predominately Francois Freres, (about 50% new) and then aged for about 14 months.
- The wine is fined lightly with egg whites and then bottled unfiltered.