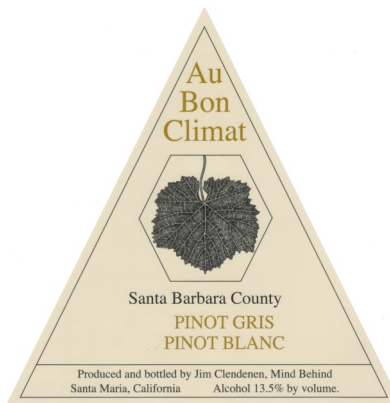




*Jim Clendenen, the Mind Behind Au Bon Climat, is one of the founding winemakers in Santa Barbara County. He has been making benchmark wines under his own label since 1982. Although Jim owns his own vineyard, Le Bon Climat, at the Southern end of the Santa Maria Valley, he also sources grapes from many 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 2015 Pinot Gris Pinot Blanc

(60% Pinot Gris, 40% Pinot Blanc)

*Santa Maria Valley, California*

- *Au Bon Climat is a Burgundy centric winery, meaning if the grapes aren't grown in Burgundy, then Au Bon Climat doesn't make that type of wine. Wineries in Burgundy are limited to Aligoté, Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Chardonnay for white wines.*
- The Pinot Gris is sourced from Sierra Madre Vineyard and the Pinot Blanc is sourced from the Bien Nacido Vineyard both located in the Santa Maria Valley.
  - Pinot Gris is picked with low sugar and high acidity, adding crisp brightness to the wine
  - Pinot Blanc adds depth and minerality
- The fruit is hand harvested, whole cluster pressed and barrel fermented in mostly neutral French oak
- Varietals are fermented separately and then blended before bottling
- Upon completion of sugar and malo-lactic fermentations, the wine is sulfured and rests surlees
- After racking and processing the wine was returned to barrel spending a total of 6 months in barrel before bottling.