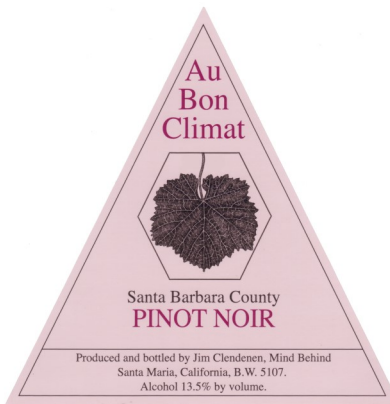




Jim Clendenen, the Mind Behind Au Bon Climat, is one of the founding winemakers in Santa Barbara County. He has been making benchmark wines under his own label since 1982. Although Jim owns his own vineyard, Le Bon Climat, at the Southern end of the Santa Maria Valley, he also sources grapes from many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

Santa Barbara County, California

- This is a blend of Pinot Noir from six premiere coastal vineyards in Santa Barbara County:
 - Santa Maria Valley AVA—Bien Nacido, Rancho Vinedo and Le Bon Climat Vineyards
 - Los Alamos Valley AVA—Los Alamos Vineyard and Kick-On Vineyard
 - Santa Rita appellation: Pence Ranch.
- The fruit was fermented in open top tanks which are punched down by hand twice a day until dry (about two weeks).
- The wine was pressed and put into barrel with plenty of lees to add complexity and depth.
- The wine was transferred to neutral French oak barrels to age for about 10 months.

Tasting Note: Fresh red berries and spices on the nose. Firm redcurrant and cherry flavors gain flesh with air and pick up a subtle floral quality. Nicely brisk, with good finishing clarity.