

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2019 G-15 Valdiguie



Our adventure into Gamay 15 has been fun and promising. The resulting wine is mouth filling and complex. It should get even better for few more years. Why do we call it G-15? Valdiguie is a red wine grape grown primarily in the Languedoc-Roussillon region of southern France, where it is generally known by the alias Gros Auxerrois. In California it has been known as Napa Gamay or Gamay 15, We opted for the latter.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Paso Robles Highlands District

VINEYARD:
Shell Creek

VARIETAL:
100% Valdiguie

COOPERAGE:
24 months neutral François
Frères French oak

HARVEST: October 14, 2019

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 5.2 g/L

pH: 3.4

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$24

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.

From The Winemaker

When it comes to production, every wine gets the same love and care to be its best. For Gamay-15 it meant fermentation in 5-ton open-tops and manual punch-downs as often as necessary. The wine was racked into nice older, french oak barrels after the fermentation finished. The elevage was extended to more than 24 months in barrel. After, it was fined with fresh egg whites to cut back on the rough tannins which allowed the vitality to really show. Just three months after bottling, the wine was delicious. Our Gamay has a varietal aroma of rose petal and ripe strawberries joined by flavors of Maraschino cherries with a mild note of pomegranate while offering good acidity and structure.

Tasting Notes

A densely colored wine, our Gamay has a varietal aroma of rose petal and ripe strawberries joined by flavors of Maraschino cherries with a mild note of pomegranate. It has good acidity and structure, though very enjoyable now, resulting in a vibrant, mouth-filling, complex wine that is fun to drink.

Food Pairings

This wine is a go-to game night wine because it pairs perfectly with bratwursts or a nice juicy burger.

Au Bon Climat & Clendenen Family Vineyards

SALES: +1 (805) 680-8077 | WINERY: +1 (805) 937-9801

AUBONCLIMAT.COM