

Clendenen Family Vineyards



2018 Chardonnay, Le Bon Climat



The Chardonnay produced from this vineyard is extraordinary. The wine is beautifully structured with texture that is refined yet viscous. Its complexity, nuance, and age ability rivals the best from France. While the majority is made under the Clendenen Family label, a portion goes into Au Bon Climat's elite Chardonnay "Nuits-Blanches au Bouge" each year.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Le Bon Climat

VARIETAL:
100% Chardonnay

COOPERAGE:
18 months 100% new François
Frères French oak barrels

HARVEST: October 18, 2018

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

ACIDITY: 7.4 g/L

pH: 3.36

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$50

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.

ACCOLADES

WINE ENTHUSIAST 94

Wine & Spirits 94

Antonio Galloni
vinous 94

JEB DUNNUCK 93

From The Winemaker

As usual, yields were very limited resulting in a wine of richness and complexity. All of the grapes are handpicked and sorted in the vineyard. Fermentations and aging was done in 100% new François Frères barrels. After the first year in barrel, the wine was racked and processed before going back to barrel to age for another 8 months.

Tasting Notes

An impressive wine of refinement, balance and depth. There's no shying away from this bottling's nutty aromas—from hazelnut to pecan to toasty oak—but there's also inviting butterscotch and seared-lemon notes as well. Those warm aspects are cut by a tense, acid-driven structure on the palate, where citrus slices through the caramel, salt and browned butter flavors. The hint of herb makes it a perfect pairing with roast chicken.

Food Pairings

This beautiful wine pairs well with seared scallops in a light beurre blanc sauce or a perfectly roasted chicken.

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