

Clendenen Family Vineyards



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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.

2019 Mondeuse



Mondeuse is an obscure variety that has its roots in the Savoie, the region of France bordering Switzerland. Mondeuse (Noire) creates a delicious juicy red wine with deep color and a berry/peppery flavor. The Clendenen Family Mondeuse is from a special section at Bien Nacido Vineyard planted in the early 1990s at the request of Jim Clendenen. The cool conditions at Bien Nacido delivers grapes with naturally high acid, making the variety typically ideal for rosé or for use as a blending component. However, under the right conditions, it is a worthy standalone wine.

AT A GLANCE

APPELLATION:
Santa Maria Valley

VINEYARD:
Bien Nacido

VARIETAL:
100% Mondeuse Noire

COOPERAGE:
4 years in 500L Hungarian oak
puncheons

HARVEST: October 19, 2019

ALCOHOL: 12%

ACIDITY: 6.8 g/L

pH: 3.42

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <0

SUGGESTED RETAIL: \$25

From The Winemaker

The grapes were hand harvested in the cold early morning hours from our estate planting. The fruit was picked at the optimum time for full flavors and depth countering the typically acid and tannin-driven variety. All the grapes were destemmed and fermented in 5-ton open top fermenters with daily punch downs. The wine was then aged for 4 years in neutral Hungarian oak 500 liter puncheons to harmonize all the elements.

Tasting Notes

Aromas of fresh cut flowers, bay leaf, cocoa, and blackberry are present in the nose. Flavors of plum, sweet pine, and coriander unfold on the palate, leading to a savory experience. Plush tannins provide structure, culminating in a powerful finish.

Food Pairings

Enjoy with full flavored cuisine from barbecued meats and wild game to spicy Thai dishes.

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