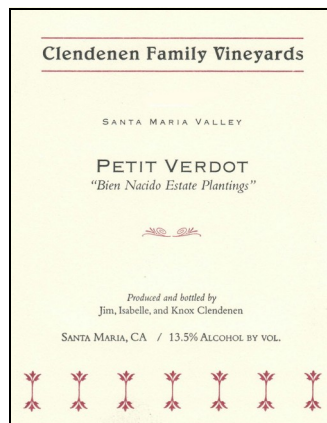


Clendenen Family Vineyards

Jim Clendenen introduced the **Clendenen Family Vineyards** label in 2000 to explore making experimental wines from unique varietals grown primarily on Jim's own organically farmed Le Bon Climat Vineyard. The project has since expanded to include special plantings at his Rancho La Cuna Vineyard and Bien Nacido Vineyard, as well as other historic vineyard sites in Santa Barbara County.



Clendenen Family - Petit Verdot **"Bien Nacido Vineyard"** *Santa Maria Valley, California*

- This wine comes from a vineyard Jim Clendenen established on leased land at Bien Nacido in 1994 and 2000.
- Though long thought of as a blending grape of little significance in Bordeaux, it is far and away the most successful of the Bordeaux family in the Santa Maria Valley.
- The Petit Verdot undergoes a slow, long, fermentation in small open tanks that allows for complete extraction.
- The wine goes through complete malolactic fermentation in Taransaud French oak barrels (50% new) and is aged in those barrels for 3 years, fined, and then bottled unfiltered.