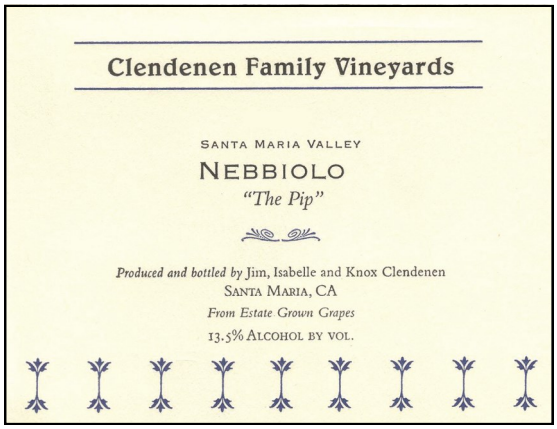
Clendenen Family Vineyards

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 "The Pip" Nebbiolo

"Bien Nacido Vineyard"

Santa Maria Valley, California

- Sourced from a 2 acre site planted to Nebbiolo at Bien Nacido Vineyard in 1994 under Jim Clendenen's direction. The site is cool, breezy, and on a hillside where the soil is gravelly and shallow—all contributing to the intensity of the fruit.
- These plantings were originally part of an Italian varietal project Jim had called Il Podere
- "The Pip" cuvee is an early barrel selection from the "Bricco Buon Natale" Nebbiolo program. This cuvee is aged about 4 years in 500L Hungarian oak puncheons (the "Bricco Buon Natale" Nebbiolo typically sees 6-7 years in barrel).
- "The Pip" series is named in homage to Jim's deceased, amazing Border Collie "Pip", former winery mascot.