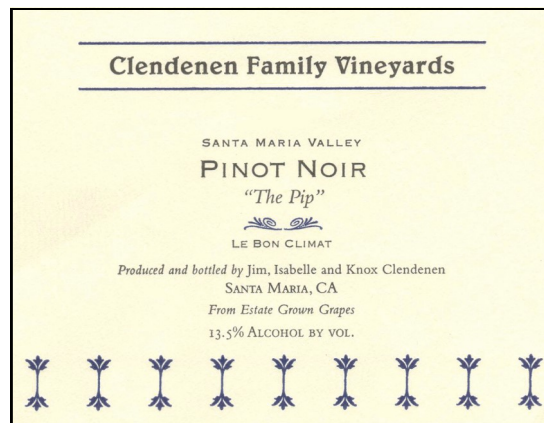


Clendenen Family Vineyards

Jim Clendenen introduced the **Clendenen Family Vineyards** label in 2000 to explore making experimental wines from unique varieties 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 2017 "The Pip" Pinot Noir **"Le Bon Climat Vineyard"** *Santa Maria Valley, California*

- 100% Pinot Noir sourced exclusively from Jim Clendenen's own Le Bon Climat Vineyard planted in 1998 in the Santa Maria Valley. Located on the southern border of the Santa Maria Valley overlooking the Santa Maria River, the cool Pacific Ocean air runs right up the valley to Le Bon Climat.
- Six different Pinot Noir clones are planted at Le Bon Climat: two principal clones 667 and 23, and small amounts of 2A, Mt. Eden, 115 and 777.
- The fruit is all hand picked and sorted in the vineyards.
- Fermented in 5 ton open top fermenters, punched down twice a day by hand, pressed after 10 to 14 days, and put into neutral Francois Freres French oak barrels after some settling.
- The wine was then racked and blended after 8 months and returned to barrel for 4 months additional aging.
- "The Pip" series is named in homage to Jim's deceased, amazing Border Collie "Pip", former winery mascot.