

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.

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2015 “Rancho La Cuna Vineyard” Pinot Noir

100% Rancho La Cuna Vineyard

Santa Barbara County, California

- This cuvee is 100% Pinot Noir from Jim's own Rancho La Cuna Vineyard (RLC) in Los Alamos, 10 miles southwest of his winery.
 - This is the third Pinot Noir vineyard planted by Jim Clendenen. He planted this Pinot Noir in the early 2000s.
 - Mainly planted with clone 115 with a small amount of 828.
 - After 10 years of production the RLC Pinot Noirs are really starting to express distinct complexity.
- The fruit is hand-picked, and processed soon after harvest. The grapes arrive at the winery cool, are processed cool, and slowly fermented.
- After fermentation the wine was aged in 100% new Francois Frères French oak barrels.
- Aged for 24 months and then bottled without filtration.