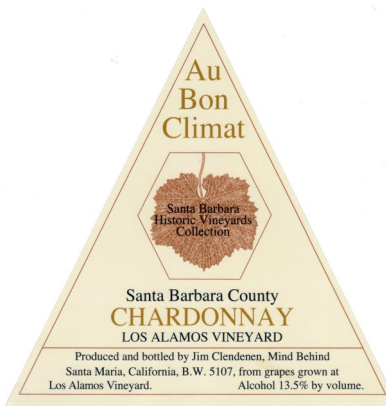




*Jim Clendenen, the Mind Behind Au Bon Climat, is one of the founding winemakers in Santa Barbara County. He has been making benchmark wines under his own label since 1982. Although Jim owns his own vineyard, Le Bon Climat, at the Southern end of the Santa Maria Valley, he also sources grapes from many of the most historically significant vineyards throughout the Santa Barbara County and beyond. Jim specializes in crafting well-balanced artisan quality Chardonnay and Pinot Noir.*



## Au Bon Climat “Los Alamos Vineyard” Chardonnay

*Santa Barbara County, California*

- This “Los Alamos” bottling is part of Jim’s Santa Barbara Historic Vineyard Collection.
  - The Los Alamos Vineyard is roughly 500 planted acres, most of which is on flat bottomland of the Los Alamos Valley that is sandwiched between the Santa Ynez Valley and Santa Maria Valley AVA’s, but for this bottling Au Bon Climat sources exclusively from the best site, Block 18, which is located 1,000 feet up, at the top of the wind-swept slopes of the Solomon Hills.
  - On this hilltop the wind and gravelly, more substantial soils produce much lower yields as the grapes struggle to ripen. This results in much greater fruit intensity and concentration.
  - COOL FACT: Au Bon Climat and Los Alamos Vineyard have a shared history — the first Au Bon Climat winery in 1982 was a small converted dairy barn on the Los Alamos Vineyard property.
- The fruit is carefully handpicked and sorted in the vineyard
- Whole cluster pressed, chilled and settled overnight
- Barrel fermented in Francois Freres French oak barrels (30% new)
- Full malolactic fermentation
- Aged 12 months on the lees