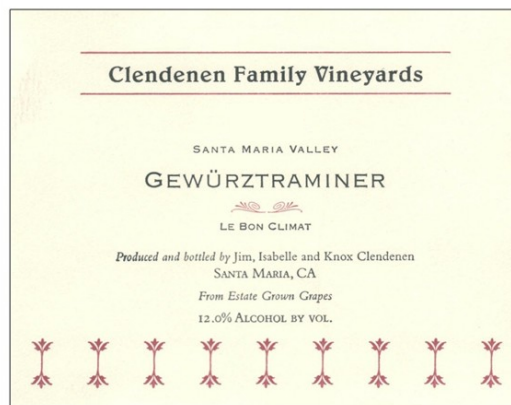


Clendenen Family Vineyards

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 - Gewürztraminer

“Le Bon Climat Vineyard”

Santa Maria Valley, California

- This cuvee is 100% Gewürztraminer sourced 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.
- The grapes were hand harvested and sorted in the vineyard. Le Bon Climat is only five miles from the winery, so the freshly picked grapes were pressed shortly after picked.
- Barrel fermented in neutral French oak barrels, matured surlies.
- Full malo-lactic fermentation
- Aged 6 months in barrel
- Jim Clendenen chose to allow the Gewürztraminer fruit from his estate vineyard to express itself in a bone-dry style that is Alsatian in nature.