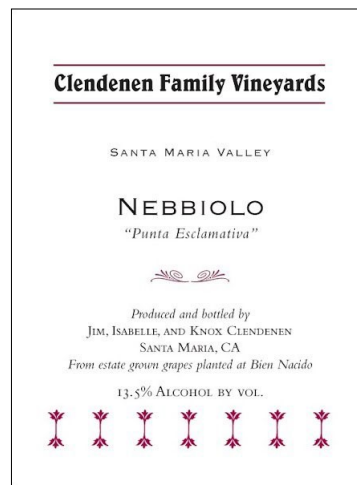


Clendenen Family Vineyards

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 “Punta Exclamativa” Nebbiolo “Bien Nacido Vineyard” *Santa Maria Valley, California*

- In 1994 Jim planted two acres of Nebbiolo at Bien Nacido Vineyard on a windswept hillside. The planting faces southwest, which gives this block maximum sun exposure to help these slow ripening grapes to mature.
- Jim chose to plant the two best clones of Nebbiolo, Lampia and Michet. In this “Riserva-style” bottling Jim uses exclusively the lower yielding Michet clone, which is the virus free Gaja clone.
- All fruit is carefully hand picked and sorted in the vineyard.
- The grapes are destemmed and fermented in 5 ton, open top fermenters. The must is punched down at least twice a day and pressed at dryness.
- Aged in 100% new 500L Hungarian oak puncheons for 6 years.
- *Jim began the “Punta Exclamativa” project in 2004, once the vines had reached 10 years of maturity. It is produced in miniscule quantities only when the vintage calls for it.*