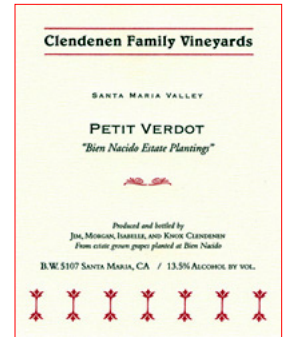




from the inimitable **JIM CLENDENEN**

**2004 Winemaker of the World** *Wein Gourmet*  
**50 Most Influential Winemakers** *Wine & Spirits Magazine*  
**50 World-Wide Creators of Modern Classic Wines** *Oz Clarke*  
**2001 Winemaker of the Year** *Food & Wine Magazine*  
**Best Wineries of the World** (Au Bon Climat) *Robert M. Parker, Jr.*



## CLENDENEN FAMILY VINEYARDS

S A N T A M A R I A V A L L E Y

*Jim started Clendenen Family Vineyards in 2000 from tiny amounts of special quality grapes harvested in home-farmed vineyards. Those grapes are then vinified in a highly personal, very traditional and patient fashion. The resulting wines are unique in California, and are very distinctive and desirable in an international context.*

### RIESLING SANTA BARBARA

### RIESLING SANFORD & BENEDICT VINEYARD

### TOCAI FRIULANO BORGIO BUON NATALE VINEYARD

Clendenen planted this vineyard at Bien Nacido Vineyard in 1994. Barrel-fermented in neutral oak and aged sur-lie through malolactic, bottled unfiltered – *exuberant, with melon and apple fruit; long, zesty, refreshing and complete; moderate weight with attractive texture and great acidity.*

### CHARDONNAY LE BON CLIMAT VINEYARD

This creamy and delicious Chardonnay was grown in Clendenen's certified organic, home vineyard planted in 1998. Aged in 100% new François Freres Bertranges barrels for 2 years, the wine is bottled unfiltered – impeccably balanced, complex, and ageworthy.

### NEBBIOLO BORGIO BUON NATALE VINEYARD

Jim Clendenen has more than 20 years of experience making Nebbiolo in California and planted "Borgio Buon Natale" to Lampeia & Micchet clones in 1994. *This wine displays all of the exceptional perfume (tar, roses, earth, red fruit) and exotic character (spice, length, ageability) traditionally associated with great Nebbiolo.*

### PETIT VERDOT BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD

Long considered a mere blending grape in Bordeaux, Petit Verdot is far and away the most successful Bordeaux varietal for Santa Maria Valley. Jim uses a slow, complete extraction fermentation in small, open-topped cuves, malolactic fermentation, and three years of aging in 50% new Taransaud; fined but bottled unfiltered. *Lovely Bordeaux characteristics, pronounced floral notes and medium, dusty tannins; impressive while young but with the structure to age 5-10 years.*

### SYRAH/VIIGNIER LA CUNA VINEYARD

From Clendenen Family's new, organically certified ranch near Los Alamos – *extremely aromatic, classically modeled... aromas are quite floral, with green, white, and black pepper. The honeysuckle and peach Viognier notes intertwine with soft purple fruit, hard spice, and earth.* As hot-climate Shiraz and stupid-sweet, short Syrah recede in popularity, this is a beacon towards balance, elegance and varietal integrity.

### PINOT NOIR LE BON CLIMAT VINEYARD

It took five vintages for Jim to discover a unique Pinot sweet spot: this wine comes from the organically certified Le Bon Climat vineyard, a central, elevated mesa planted to Dijon clone 667 in 1998. *The wine is firmly in the red fruit spectrum with earth, sous bois and hard spice complexity. This is a stylish, traditional Pinot Noir that will appeal to all Burgundy lovers yet can be enjoyed in the near term.*

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