

AMERICAN
★ ★ ★ **WINE CLUB** ★ ★ ★

**2008 Au Bon Climat
Chardonnay
Santa Barbara County**

ABOUT THE WINE

Citrus, stone fruit, smooth and integrated flavors, creamy and intense, with apricot, apple, and lemon nuances.

The wine was barrel-fermented and aged in French oak.

The wine's grapes come from about 65% Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay and 35% Rancho Vinedo Vineyard.

ABOUT AU BON CLIMAT

Au Bon Climat has cultivated an international reputation for its Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc and Pinot Gris.

Jim Clendenen, the "Mind Behind" Au Bon Climat, is recognized worldwide for his classically-styled wines.

In 1989 and 1990 Au Bon Climat was on Robert Parker's short list of Best Wineries in the World, and in 1991 was selected by Oz Clark as one of fifty world-wide creators of Modern Classic Wines.

Dan Berger of the Los Angeles Times named Clendenen the "Los Angeles Times Winemaker of the Year" in 1992; Food & Wine Magazine named him "Winemaker of the Year" in 2001. Germany's leading wine magazine, Wein Gourmet, in 2004 named Clendenen "Winemaker of the World;" and in 2007, Jim was inducted into the James Beard Foundation's "Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America."

