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2005, PINOT NOIR LE BON CLIMAT

ABOUT AU BON CLIMAT

Founded in 1982, Au Bon Climat (which means "a well-exposed vineyard") produces internationally-recognized Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Pinot Blanc wine from grapes grown in California's Santa Barbara County.

The Au Bon Climat winery is located on the world-famous Bien Nacido Vineyard, and is owned by winemaker Jim Clendenen. Au Bon Climat was listed on Robert Parker's Best Wineries of the World in both 1989 and 1990, while Jim Clendenen has been named Winemaker of the Year in 1992 by the Los Angeles Times, and Winemaker of the Year in 2001 by Food and Wine Magazine. 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."

DESCRIPTION

Lush Pinot Noir from the Clendenen "Le Bon Climat Vineyard".

LE BON CLIMAT

In 1998 Jim Clendenen purchased 100 acres in Sisquoc along the south side of the Sisquoc River and directly across the Santa Maria Valley from Bien Nacido (and the same distance from the Pacific Ocean). It was comprehensively planted, with drainage installed in the soil, Riparia Gloire rootstock to reduce vigor, drip irrigation, and 1600 vines per acre of carefully selected plant material. The vineyard is situated primarily on hill tops (an additional 11 acres were planted in 2006 & 2007 along the valley floor), with Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Viognier as the original plantings. Le Bon Climat is farmed organically and has been certified organic since 2003.

FACTS

name:	2005, Pinot Noir "Le Bon Climat"
item number:	M20515002-01 (98589-01)
composition:	100 % pinot Noir
alcohol:	15.5 % by volume
price:	See pricelist