



MAKOR

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appellationamerica.com: "If you look at the Au Bon Climat triangular labels, a line near the bottom says "Produced and bottled by Jim Clendenen, Mind Behind." And while Clendenen is the sole provocateur of the label, when he's on the road promoting Au Bon Climat and Santa Barbara County, the daily winery tasks fall to Jim Adelman, production winemaker at the joint Au Bon Climat/ Qupé facility, located on the Bien Nacido Vineyard property. Effectively, he's the mind behind the mind behind! Adelman makes a small amount of wine under his Makor label, though it's usually his own spin on something neither producer makes. His Pinot Blanc, 100 percent Bien Nacido grapes, is a wine I buy every year. Basically, he treats the wine about the same way a high end Chardonnay might be produced there: totally barrel fermented (1/3 in new French oak) with full malolactic. The 2005 version is bright with citrus but becomes more serious on mid palate as the barrel fermentation, and subsequent six months in oak, frame and deepen the flavor profile, finishing with a fine squirt of lemony acidity."



PINOT BLANC *Bien Nacido Vineyard* (12 x 750ml)

MERLOT *Bien Nacido Vineyard* (12 x 750ml)

Winemaker/Owner **Jim Adelman:** "Every year I'm impressed with the Merlot grown at Bien Nacido, as the grapes arrive at the winery I feel a great debt of gratitude to Chris Hammell, and his entire grape growing team at Bien Nacido. The 2004 harvest was brutally hot in early September then cooled off to give the grapes a chance to equilibrate and ripen slowly. The 2004 Merlot grapes were perfectly ripened with, red lignified stems. The 2004 Merlot was fermented with 33% whole cluster, to allow these stems to add another layer of complexity to the finished wine. This wine was bottled after more than 24 months in French oak after egg white fining."

Aromas of tea, chocolate, tar and black olives switch to flavors of blueberries and black cherries... this mouth-filling Merlot will continue to be a balanced food friendly wine for another 8 years. A Merlot of this quality started with ideal grapes grown just the right place and farmed by people who truly "get it".

Thank you for your order and for your interest in Connoisseur Wines