## AU BON CLIMAT

# AUBON CLIMAT 'HILDEGARD' SANTA MARIA VALLEY WHITE BLEND

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#### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

### The Estate

We started making Hildegard in 1998. The Pinot Gris planted next to the winery (Block 12 of Bien Nacido Vineyard) was amazing. The yields were small and the grapes were intense. The wine made from this Pinot Gris was more like a Burgundian Pinot Gris or dry Alsatian Pinot Gris than a light, insipid Pinot Grigio style.

## Wine Making

A wine named after an Empress has to be exquisite. This distinctive blend of Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc and Aligoté is barrel fermented and gets the best of everything including extra barrel and bottle time. The barrels for this program are all new François Frères french oak.

### **Food Suggestions**

Pairs well with pasta, pork, shellfish, and poultry dishes.

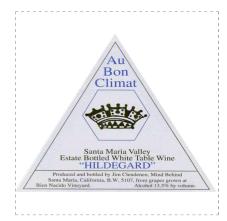
## **TASTING NOTES**

Hildegard has a texture, complexity, and distinctiveness that cannot be found in a single white wine varietal. The 2020 is rich yet zesty, starting with aromas of lemon, baked apricot, cream and toast on the nose. The palate is layered in hazelnut, lemon confit and unabashed oak flavors, proving creamy in texture yet blasted with persistent acidity.

50% Pinot Gris, 45% Pinot Blanc, & 5% Aligote grape blend. This wine contains allergens, sulfites.







### **ATTRIBUTES**

• Available Size: 750mL (12 pc)

ABV%: 13.5Class: White

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