

CARBONISTE

MODERN SPARKLING WINE

A product of much inspiration but not imitation, this brand has been born out of our love of sparkling wine and a desire to reimagine sparkling wine in California. CARBONISTE is dedicated to making sparkling wines that are modern and reflective of grape and place.

Our **2023 Gimelli Chenin blanc** is our first still white wine, and an accident. Intended to be sparkling, bright acidity leads, a mineral salinity runs through the middle, and the finish is creamy and textured. Think cream-sicle and honey. It is the wine that refused to follow the script.

Vineyard

This wine comes from a single site, the Gimelli Vineyard in the Cienega Valley of San Benito County. The Chenin blanc was hand-harvested on October 10, 2023. The vintage was the coldest year since 1998, very late, slow ripening.

Winemaking (Traditional + Modern)

The Clownfish started life as a pét-nat. We bottled it in 2023 with every intention of going sparkling, then the second fermentation in bottle never kicked off. No bubbles. Instead of calling it a loss, we left it alone, and the wine rested on its lees for two years, picking up texture, salinity and real weight.

When we decanted it to neutral barrel, it finished fermenting and came together beautifully. We bottled it again, this time as a still wine. It tastes like vacation.

Harvested 10/10/2023 22 Brix	First bottled Dec 2023 as pét-nat	Re-bottled May 2026 as still wine
pH 3.22	TA 7.0 g/L	RS 0.1 g/L
Produced: 2352 bottles (196 cases)		13.5% ABV
Origin: Gimelli Vineyard, Cienega Valley		100% Chenin blanc
Winemakers: Dan and Jacqueline Person		Released: May 2026

Champagne is from France. **CARBONISTE** is California.

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