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### BEST NEW WORLD WHITE BONNY DOON, LE CIGARE BLANC, CALIFORNIA, USA 2005

Although vinified at Rhone Ranger Randall Grahm's biodynamic Santa Cruz winery, most of the 70% Grenache and 25% Roussanne grapes are from Monterey. Full and fleshy from French oak batonnage, with a lifted, dry finish. Better than most white Châteauneufs. **£17.60; BBR**

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