

BIEN NACIDO ESTATE

2012 CHARDONNAY, SANTA MARIA VALLEY



STATISTICS

Varietal	100% Chardonnay, Clone 4
Vineyard Site	Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County. 600 ft to 900 ft elevation, this site is 16 miles from the Pacific Ocean.
Soils	Elder, and Chamise shaly loams with Pleasanton sandy loam. The vineyard has a great diversity of soils containing limestone, shales, uplifted marine volcanics, and loam.
Vine Age	Planted in 1973
Yield	2.4 tons per acre
Alcohol	14.1%
Case Production	246 cases

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand harvested and barrel fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentation's. It was aged sur lie for 16 months in French oak; 30% new. The wine was bottled unfiltered.

This wine has aromas of grapefruit, chamomile, and lemon custard. The palate has a bright entry that gives way to a rich mid-palate and suave finish.

ACCOLADES

96 POINTS – Antonio Galloni

94 POINTS – Wine Enthusiast

92 POINTS – Wine Advocate