

BIEN NACIDO & SOLOMON HILLS

- ESTATE WINES -

2014 ESTATE SYRAH X BLOCK

CLONE		ESTRELLA
COMPOSITION		100% SYRAH
VINE AGE		GRAFTED IN 1987
YIELD		2.3 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		103
ALCOHOL		13.6%

VINEYARD SITE

ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA
VYD AREA		700 FT. ELEVATION. VINES FACE DIRECTLY SOUTH 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand harvested at night, and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentations. Then aged for 18 months in French oak; 25% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered.

Dark aromatics of espresso, meat, and sage draw you in, but it's the rich entry on the peppery and dense palate that's a showcase of this vineyard. They complement the tightly wound but very long finish.

SOILS

Monterey shaly loams. Grafted in 1987 and California's first cool-climate Syrah.

ACCOLADES

96 Points - *Antonio Galloni*

94+ Points - *Wine Advocate*

94 Points - *Jeb Denuck*

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