

BIEN NACIDO ESTATE

2011 CHARDONNAY, SANTA MARIA VALLEY



STATISTICS

Varietal	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	1.9 tons per acre
Alcohol	13.6%
Case Production	125 cases

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand harvested at night, and whole cluster pressed. It was then barrel fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentations. Aging was sur lie for 16 months in French oak; 30% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered.

This wine has aromas of key lime, almonds and lemon custard. The palate is precise and focused with nice richness on the mid-palate that leads to a deep and long finish.

ACCOLADES

93 POINTS – Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate

92 POINTS – Antonio Galloni, Vinous