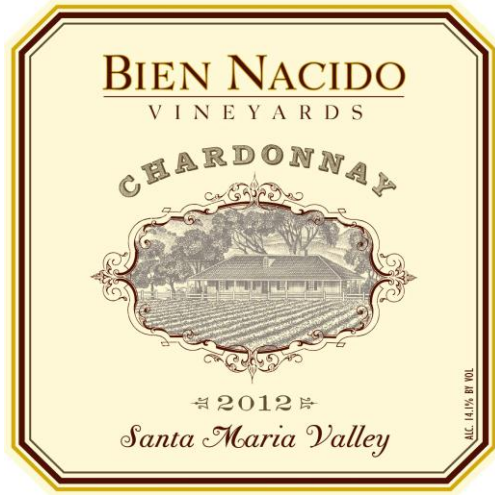


# BIEN NACIDO ESTATE

## 2012 CHARDONNAY, SANTA MARIA VALLEY



### STATISTICS

<b>Varietal</b>	Chardonnay, Clone 4
<b>Vineyard Site</b>	Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County. 600 ft to 900 ft elevation, this site is 16 miles from the Pacific Ocean.
<b>Soils</b>	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.
<b>Vine Age</b>	Planted in 1973
<b>Yield</b>	2.4 tons per acre
<b>Alcohol</b>	14.1%
<b>Case Production</b>	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

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