

BIEN NACIDO ESTATE

2012 GRENACHE, BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD



STATISTICS

Composition	Grenache Clones: Alban Selection
Vineyard Site	Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County. 600 ft elevation, this grenache faces directly south in a protected pocket. This warm location gives this warm climate grape the best chance to ripen in our cool climate in Santa Maria.
Soils	Los Osos clay loam and Franciscan shale, over marine volcanics
Vine Age	Planted in 2007
Yield	2.5 tons per acre
Alcohol	14.3%
Case Production	92

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand harvested at night, and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentations. Then aged for 16 months in French oak; 20% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered.

Pinot Noir like aromatics on the nose with raspberry, red licorice, black cherries, and wild herbs. The wine's rich entry is satiny and fruit dominated, but builds with supple tannins and a long graceful finish.