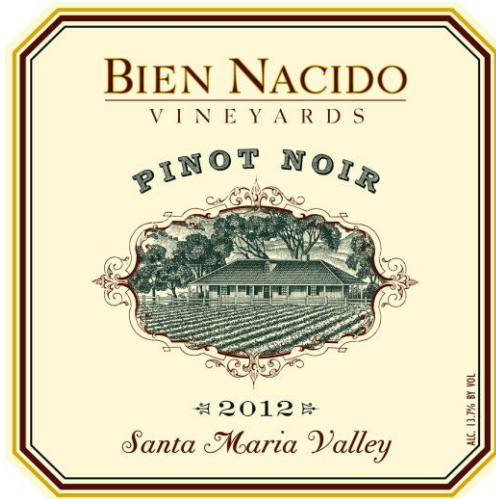


# BIEN NACIDO ESTATE

## 2012 PINOT NOIR, BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD



### STATISTICS

<b>Composition</b>	Pinot Noir. Clones: Pommard, Mt Eden, Swan, 114, 667, 777
<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, 1996, 2006
<b>Yield</b>	2.6 tons per acre
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.7%
<b>Case Production</b>	413

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand harvested at night, and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentations. Then aged for 16 months in French oak; 30% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered.

Spicy dark fruit aromas jump out of the glass with cardamom, cinnamon, and pepper. The palate has more tannin, and richness than the 2011. This yields to veiled complexity with an elegant finish.

### ACCOLADES

**92 POINTS** – Antonio Galloni