

BIEN NACIDO & SOLOMON HILLS

- ESTATE WINES -

2017 ESTATE CHARDONNAY



VARIETAL		CHARDONNAY - SELECTION 4
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.6 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		362
ALCOHOL		12.6%

VINEYARD SITE

ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA
VYD AREA		600-900 FT. ELEVATION. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

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; 25% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

Inviting aromas of grapefruit, chamomile, and cut straw, burst out of the glass. The chiseled entry yields to a rich but energetic palate that is savory and elegant.

SOILS

Elder and Chamise shaly loams with Pleasanton sandy loam. The vineyard has a great diversity of soils containing limestone, shale, uplifted marine volcanics and loam.

ACCOLADES

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- 97** Points - *Wine Enthusiast*
 - 94** Points - *Tasting Panel*
 - 93** Points - *Wine Advocate*
 - 92** Points - *Vinous*
 - 92** Points - *Jeb Dunnuck*
 - 91** Points - *Wine & Spirits*
 - 90** Points - *Wine Spectator*