

BIEN NACIDO

ESTATE

2019 ESTATE SYRAH

VARIETAL		99% SYRAH, 1% VIOGNIER
CLONE		ESTRELLA
BLOCK		BLOCK Zb AND X
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1995
YIELD		659
CASES		848 (SIX PACK)
ALCOHOL		14.0%
pH		3.67
TA		5.9 g/L

VINEYARD SITE

ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
VYD AREA		700 FT. ELEVATION. VINES FACE DIRECTLY WEST 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
SOILS		LOS OSOS CLAY LOAM AND FRANCISCAN SHALE OVER MARINE VOLCANICS

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand-harvested at night and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentation. Aged 16 months in 600-liter French oak puncheons; 45% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Co-planted and co-fermented with Viognier, this wine is an homage to our friends in the Northern Rhone Valley while remaining quintessentially Bien Nacido. Lavender, sage and flame seared meats dominate the aromatics while papaya and other tropical fruits began to show as the wine opens and breathes. Generous fruit character on the palate gives way to incredibly silky tannins that carry through the finish. Open today and enjoy the fresh fruit and flowers or age ten years and beyond as this Syrah continues to develop nuanced complexity.

ACCOLADES

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| 95 Points - <i>Int'l Wine Report</i> | 95 Points - <i>The Tasting Panel</i> |
| 94 Points - <i>Jeb Dunnuck</i> | 94 Points - <i>Vinous</i> |
| 93 Points, <i>Cellar Selection</i> - <i>Wine Enthusiast</i> | |

"One of the oldest vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Bien Nacido takes its influence from its rocky soils and steep, windswept hillsides...resulting in a refined complexity that only time and maturity can produce"

- Anthony Avila, Winemaker

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