

BIEN NACIDO

ESTATE

2019 THE XO SYRAH



VARIETAL		100% SYRAH
CLONE		ESTRELLA
BLOCK		BLOCK X
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.1 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		274 (SIX PACK)
ALCOHOL		14.0%
pH		3.74
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 SOUTH. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
SOILS		MONTEREY SHALY LOAMS. THIS COMES FROM THE OWN ROOTED ORIGINAL PLANTING IN 1973.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand-harvested at night and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentation. Aged 16 months in 600-liter French oak puncheons; 40% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. Planted to Riesling in 1973 and grafted to Syrah in the early 1980s, this is truly one of the most unique Syrah blocks in the entire world. The vines are pruned overhead and allowed to sprawl towards the ground. The resulting atmosphere is reminiscent of a stand of redwoods as the dense vine canopy and native grasses on the vineyard floor absorb almost all sound.

TASTING NOTES

This Syrah express leather, tobacco, and smoked meats on the nose. The palate has an unbelievable density with clove and white pepper giving way to brooding tannins and excellent length. The intensity displayed in this wine will unwind in the coming years.

ACCOLADES

96 Points, *Cellar Selection* - *Wine Enthusiast*

95 Points - *Vinous*

94+ Points - *Jeb Dunnuck*

“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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