

# BIEN NACIDO

- ESTATE WINES -



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## 2018 THE XO SYRAH

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CLONE		ESTRELLA
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		1.5 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		187 (six packs cases)
ALCOHOL		13.0%

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## VINEYARD SITE

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ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA
VYD AREA		700 FT. ELEVATION. VINES FACE DIRECTLY SOUTH. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

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## WINEMAKER NOTES

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Hand harvested at night, fermented with native yeast, and malolactic fermentations. Aged for 16 months in French oak; 25% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

In 1984 when Syrah was only a dream, the Miller Family recognized what the juxtaposition of sunshine and ocean breeze could do for this Rhône Valley grape. In it's 4<sup>th</sup> vintage and the first vines of Syrah planted at Bien Nacido Vineyard, The XO showcases fresh mission fig, blackberry syrup, and chaparral, with an amazing combination of sage, rosemary, and lavender with hints of white and black pepper.

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## SOILS

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Monterey shaly loams. This comes from the own rooted original planting in 1973.

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## ACCOLADES

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**97** Points - *Wine Enthusiast*

**“Bien Nacido & Solomon Hills have been considered Grand Crus of the California. Of course, those closest to the land, the owners, have the choicest selection of fruit and awareness to showcase the best of that fruit under their estate label.”**