

BIEN NACIDO

ESTATE

2019 ESTATE CHARDONNAY



VARIETAL		100% CHARDONNAY
CLONE		SELECTION 4
BLOCK		BLOCKS I & W
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		1.75 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		1,072 (SIX PACKS)
ALCOHOL		13.5%
pH		3.27
TA		6.4 g/L

VINEYARD SITE

ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APPELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
VYD AREA		600-900 FT. ELEVATION. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
SOILS		ELDER AND CHAMISE SHALY LOAMS WITH PLESANTON SANDY LOAM. THE VINEYARD HAS A GREAT DIVERSITY OF SOILS CONTAINING LIMESTONE, SHALE, UPLIFTED MARINE VOLCANICS AND LOAM.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand-harvested at night and whole-cluster pressed. This wine was then barrel fermented using native yeast and malolactic fermentation. Aging was sur lie for 16 months in French oak; 45% new. This wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered. The 2019 Chardonnay was produced from ungrafted vines that were among the first planted at the birth of Bien Nacido in 1973.

TASTING NOTES

Chamomile and cut straw are the dominant aromas alongside a subtle toasted almond character and white peach. On the palate, bright citrus balances beautifully with richness and complexity coming from the old vines. We expect this wine will age gracefully for ten years and beyond.

ACCOLADES

96 Points - <i>Int'l Wine Report</i>	
95 Points - <i>The Tasting Panel</i>	94 Points - <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>
93 Points - <i>Jeb Dunnuck</i>	92 Points - <i>Vinous</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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