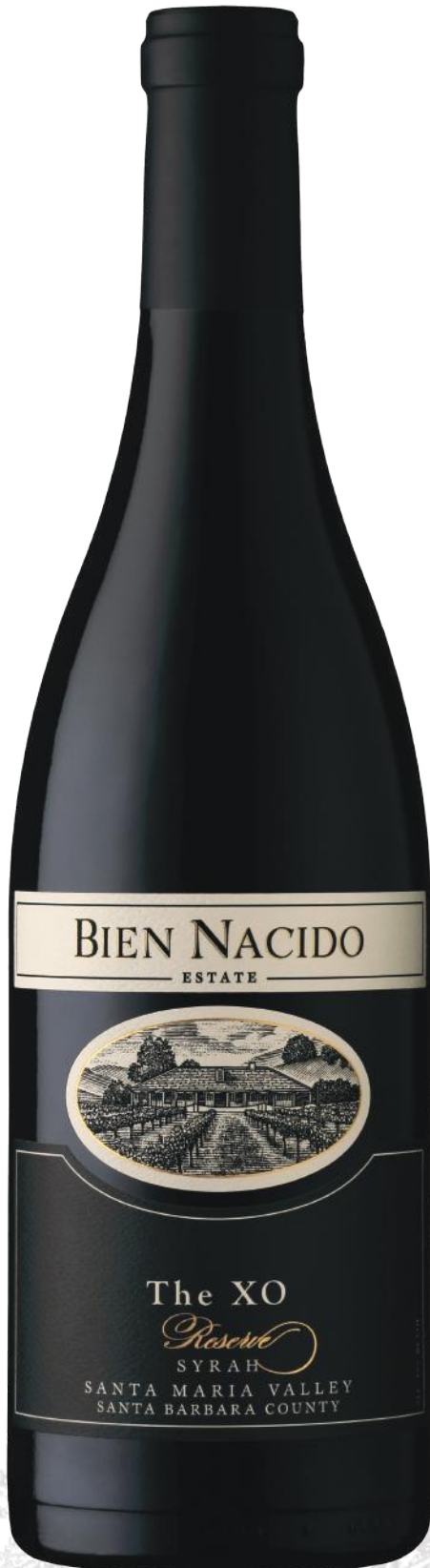


BIEN NACIDO

ESTATE

2020 THE XO SYRAH



VARIETAL		100% SYRAH
CLONE		ESTRELLA
BLOCK		BLOCK X
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.78 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		199 (SIX PACK)
ALCOHOL		13.5%
pH		3.67
TA		6.0 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.

TASTING NOTES

The warmth of the 2020 growing season caused the XO Syrah to produce large, juicy clusters, and the resulting wine is lighter-bodied and shows more fruit than in vintages past. It showcases blackberry jam with savory notes of Nicoise olives, an earthy character, and an herbal mustard greens salad. Thistles and jicama come through on the finish. While this wine will be approachable in its youth, it possesses a raw power that will take a few years to unwind.

93 Points - *Jeb Dunnuck*

96 Points - *Wine Enthusiast*

94 Points - *Wine Advocate*

93 Points - *Vinous*

95 Points - *The Tasting Panel*

"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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