



# BIEN NACIDO

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## 2021 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL		100% CHARDONNAY
CLONE		SELECTION 4
BLOCK		BLOCKS I & L
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.72 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		1018 (SIX PACKS)
ALCOHOL		13.5%
pH		3.25
TA		6.7 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.

## TASTING NOTES

Classically Bien Nacido, with aromas of straw and chamomile interspersed with wet stone and lemon peel. Beautiful mineral notes balance out fresh fruit and tropical flowers on the palate. This wine has the characteristically firm structure of the 2021 vintage combined with the richness and viscosity that ties it all together. We expect this Chardonnay will age gracefully for at least eight to ten years.

***“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**