



# BIEN NACIDO

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## 2022 THE XO SYRAH

VARIETAL		100% SYRAH
CLONE		ESTRELLA
BLOCK		BLOCK X
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		1.77 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		160 (SIX PACK)
ALCOHOL		13.5%
pH		3.72
TA		5.7 g/L

## VINEYARD SITE

ESTATE		BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD
APELLATION		SANTA MARIA VALLEY
COUNTY		SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
VYD AREA		700 FT. ELEVATION. VINES FACE DIRECTLY SOUTH. 16 MILES FROM THE PACIFIC OCEAN.
SOILS		ELDER, AND CHAMISE SHALY LOAMS WITH PLEASANTON SANDY LOAM. THE VINEYARD HAS A GREAT DIVERSITY OF SOIL CONTAINING LOAM, SHALES, UPLIFTED MARINE VOLCANICS, AND LIMESTONE.

## WINEMAKER NOTES

Hand-harvested at night and fermented with native yeast and malolactic fermentation. Aged 16 months in 600-liter French oak puncheons; 45% new. This wine was bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

## TASTING NOTES

Planted to Riesling in 1973 and grafted to Syrah in the 1980's, 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 all sound. Leather, tobacco, and grilled meats blend with boysenberry and cardamon on the nose. The palate has unbelievable density with clove and white pepper giving way to supple tannins and great length. This wine has a raw power that will take decades to unwind.

## ACCOLADES

International Wine Report - **97 points**  
Wine Advocate - **94 points**

Jeb Dunnuck - **94 points**  
Vinous - **97 points**



*"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