



BIEN NACIDO

E S T A T E



2022 ESTATE CHARDONNAY

VARIETAL		100% CHARDONNAY
CLONE		SELECTION 4
BLOCK		BLOCKS I & L
VINE AGE		PLANTED IN 1973
YIELD		2.12 TONS PER ACRE
CASES		872 (SIX PACKS)
ALCOHOL		13.5%
pH		3.22
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 unfinned 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 2022 vintage combined with the richness and viscosity that ties it all together. We expect this Chardonnay will age gracefully for at least six to eight years.

ACCOLADES

International Wine Report - **95 points**
Wine Advocate - **93 points**
Vinous - **93 points**
Tasting Panel - **95 points**

Jeb Dunnuck - **94 points**
James Suckling - **94 points**
Decanter - **94 points**
Wine Spectator - **90 points**