



2013 Syrah

Bien Nacido Vineyard

Santa Maria Valley AVA
Santa Barbara County

Wine Notes

In 2013 the Bien Nacido Vineyard gave us exceptional fruit. Moderate, consistent temperatures provided optimal ripeness resulting in a wine with darkness, minerality, and elegance reminiscent of a fine Côte-Rôtie Syrah. Balanced acidity makes it exciting on the pallet. Plums and dark fruit integrate with Northern Rhône Syrah characteristics of cassis, tar, white pepper and black licorice. A beautiful wine that should age magnificently.

Technical Information

Vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley AVA, SB County
Clone	Estrella
Harvest	Block Zb: October 15, 25 brix, 3.35 pH Block 49: October 25, 23.5 brix, 3.35 pH
Composition	100% Syrah. (Selection of 21 barrels from 30 candidate barrels)
Fermentation	The fruit was stemmed, not crushed. Intact whole berries fermented in half ton boxes for 14 days after a 48 hour cold soak.
Barrel Aging	24% new, 76% older French and American barrels. Aged 22 months in barrel.
Cellar notes	Unfined and lightly filtered
Alcohol	15.0 % by Vol.
Bottling Date	July 26, 2015
Production	494 cases (12/750 ml)