

## 2014 Viognier Late Harvest Bien Nacido Vineyard

Santa Maria Valley Santa Barbara County

## **Tasting Notes**

Our 2014 Late Harvest Viognier comes from the Bien Nacido Vineyard in Santa Maria Valley. The last grapes we picked in 2014, extended hang-time gave us exceptionally ripe fruit, perfect for this decadent dessert wine. Richly flavored, with dried apricot, guava, caramel and molasses, this wine is balanced with candied orange peel undertones and ample acidity. Finishes long and persistent. Drink on its own, with sharp blue cheeses, or with equally tempting desserts such as crème brulee or salted caramel budino.

## **Technical Information**

Vineyard	Bien Nacido Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley
Harvest	October 21, 37.6 Brix, 3.9 pH
Clone	Iberra Young Clone
Composition	100% Viognier
	Fruit was foot stomped to release juice and cold soaked for 24 hours
Fermentation	of skin contact, before being pressed to tank and settled. Fermented in
	French oak barrels. RHST and Assmanhausen yeasts used.
Barrel Aging	18 months in 50% new, 50% neutral (older) French oak barrels.
Cellar notes	Unfined and lightly filtered
Alcohol	14.4% by Vol.
<b>Bottling Date</b>	March 4, 2016
Production	97 half bottle cases (12/375ml)