

# Bien Nacido Estate Chardonnay

## THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** USA - CA

**REGION:** Santa Barbara County

**APPELLATION:** Santa Maria Valley

**CEPAGE:** 100% Chardonnay

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested at night, whole-cluster pressed, fermented with native yeast, full malolactic fermentation in barrel, aged sur lie for 16 months in French oak (45% new), bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.5%

**AGING:** 16 months sur lie in French oak, 45% new

## THE STORY

Bien Nacido Vineyard has been an acclaimed source of world-class grapes since its founding in 1973 by brothers Stephen and Bob Miller.

Since then, under the Miller Family's stewardship, Bien Nacido Vineyard has become one of the most coveted sources of cool-climate Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah in California. Celebrated as the most single vineyard-designated site in the world, the combination of remarkable terroir and an incredibly dedicated team who cares for the land, enables Bien Nacido's legacy of exceptional winemaking and grape-growing to further grow with each passing vintage.



## THE ADJECTIVES

**OVERALL:** Bright & Refined

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Straw, Chamomile, Lemon Peel, Wet Stone, Tropical Flowers, Fresh Fruit

**MOUTHFEEL:** Textured & Mineral-Driven

## THE SELLING POINTS

Elegant, Age-Worthy Chardonnay

**AWARDS:** 95pts Tasting Panel, 95pts International Wine Report, 94pts Decanter, 94pts James Suckling, 94pts Jeb Dunnuck, 93pts Wine Advocate, 93pts Vinous, 90pts Wine Spectator

**PAIRINGS:** Roast Chicken, Grilled Salmon, Creamy Pasta, Seared Scallops, Soft Cheeses