

# Bien Nacido Estate Pinot Noir



## THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** USA - CA

**REGION:** Santa Barbara County

**APPELLATION:** Santa Maria Valley

**CEPAGE:** 100% Pinot Noir

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

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.5%

**AGING:** 16 months 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:** Elegant & Expressive

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Black Tea, Mandarin Rind, Potpourri, Fresh Cherries, Cotton Candy, Sandalwood, Sage, Exotic Spices

**MOUTHFEEL:** Silky & Layered

## THE SELLING POINTS

Perfumed & Complex Pinot Noir

**AWARDS:** 97pts Tasting Panel, 96pts International Wine Report, 95pts Decanter, 95pts Vinous, 93pts Wine Advocate, 93pts James Suckling, 93pts Jeb Dunnock, 91pts Wine Spectator

**PAIRINGS:** Duck Confit, Grilled Salmon, Wild Mushroom Risotto, Roast Chicken, Pork Tenderloin