

# Bien Nacido Estate Syrah

## THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** USA - CA

**REGION:** Santa Barbara County

**APPELLATION:** Santa Maria Valley

**CEPAGE:** 99% Syrah, 1% Viognier

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested at night, fermented with native yeast and malolactic in barrel. 99% Syrah, 1% Viognier (Clone: Estrella), aged 16 months in French oak puncheons (35% new), bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.5%

**AGING:** Aged 16 months in 600L French oak puncheons; 35% 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:** Floral & Harmonious

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Lavender, Honeysuckle, Cacao, Saddle Leather, Wet Stone, Spiced Dark Fruit

**MOUTHFEEL:** Earthy & Supple

## THE SELLING POINTS

Elegant Coastal Syrah from a Historic West-Facing Block

**AWARDS:** 95pts International Wine Report, 94pts Jeb Dunnuck

**PAIRINGS:** Braised Short Ribs, Roast Lamb, Grilled Eggplant, Duck Breast

