

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 unfined 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: 94pts Jeb Dunnuck

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

