

THE PURSUIT

BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD



IF THIS WINE WAS THE START TO A STORY, IT WOULD BEGIN, "IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT ... " BIEN NACIDO IS ONE OF THE CENTRAL COAST'S MOST HISTORIC VINEYARDS TRACING ITS GRAPE-GROWING HISTORY BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE SPANISH LAND GRANTS. THE FRUIT FROM THESE VINES IS SOUGHT AFTER BY REGIONS' BEST WINEMAKERS. BY CHANCE AND DESTINY, WE WERE ABLE TO SOURCE OUR ELEGANT HILLSIDE-GROWN SYRAH IN 2019.

TASTING NOTES: Bien Nacido Syrah is a sumptuous and luxurious display of pure velvet on the palate. It's a full-bodied wine with ripe, round tannins. Hints of crème de cassis punctuate an inky black fruit profile. This wine clearly shows the classic iodine and pepper tones that are emblematic of this iconic and storied site. It's slightly wild, with an undercurrent of earth and encapsulates the sheer poetry of 2019's superior harvest.

VARIETAL: 100% Syrah | Clone Estrella

VINEYARD: Bien Nacido Vineyard | Block 11B

APPELLATION: Santa Maria Valley

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

TERROIR: Tierra loam/sandstone, chamise shaly loam

HARVEST: Hand harvested in October 2019

VINIFICATION: Manual cluster and berry sorting. 100% destemmed. Cold pre-fermentation maceration. Fermented in stainless steel. Cap managed with punch down, pumpover and pneumatage. Lees stirring in barrel.

MATURATION: 20 months in 67% new French oak.