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2019 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE

Ruby

AROMAS

Tart cherry, nutmeg, tarragon and pomelo

PALATE

Bright raspberry on entry followed by notes of black tea and forest floor

MOUTHFEEL & FINISH

Elegant tannins lead to a lively, lifted finish

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

Following in the footsteps of 2018, the 2019 vintage at Bien Nacido Vineyard continued the return toward a more typical, temperate and mild growing season in the Santa Maria Valley. An overcast, cool spring delayed flowering, and a mild summer helped preserve freshness and acidity. There were few heat events throughout the summer and fall, and the hallmark marine influence was on full display with the coastal fog allowing for wonderful, balanced ripening. Harvest began in early September with the Pommard clone of the higher-elevation Block 9 and wrapped two weeks later with the same clone planted lower on the slope in Block 1. This vintage is another classic expression of the renowned Central California site, leading with a lifted, floral bouquet and complemented by characteristic spiced citrus and forest floor notes that make this wine unmistakably Bien Nacido. The palate shows a beautiful tension between bright red fruits, savory spice flavors and a refined, elegant structure.

HARVEST DATES

September 4-18, 2019

ALCOHOL

13.9%

AVERAGE BRIX

24.2°

BARREL AGING

14 months in barrel 6 months on primary lees

BARRELS

100% French oak, 23% new

WHOLE CLUSTER

RELEASE DATE

September 2021