



## 2014 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD SANTA MARIA VALLEY PINOT NOIR

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Our 2014 Bien Nacido Vineyard Pinot Noir has a royal garnet color. It has a nose of black plum, rose petals and a note of earthiness. On the palate this wine has a fruit-sweet attack and notes of black cherry, wild mushrooms and malt. It has beautiful weight, fine-grained tannins and a long fruit-filled finish. This central coast Pinot Noir will pair with anything from your favorite Chinese food to Santa Maria style barbequed tri-tip.

## NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

The 800 acre Bien Nacido ranch is one of the most important vineyards of California. In 2014, we sourced fruit from six distinct blocks whose varied topography, elevations and soils produced a complex, yet harmonious wine. Budbreak came in February, the result of an unusually warm winter. The growing season continued warm and sunny, resulting in an early flowering and fruit set leading to an abundance of full clusters. As we approached summer, we had yet to experience the foggy wet mornings known locally as "June gloom." On August  $2^{nd}$ , we began the earliest harvest ever. Over the course of 26 days we brought in all the fruit, with an unparalleled balance of color, flavor and acidity.

## HARVEST DATES: August 4-August 28, 2014

ALCOHOL: 13.4%

AVERAGE BRIX: 22.9°

BARREL AGING: 18 months

BARRELS: 100% French Oak, 27% new

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