

TWOMEY

2016 BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

SANTA MARIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

APPEARANCE

Dark dusty red rose

AROMAS

Ocean breeze, salty characters, spices blending with juicy summer fruits and crushed rose petals

PALATE Peaches, blood oranges, cocoa and cardamom

FINISH Hibiscus, acidity and savory umami flavors fill the back of your palate

MOUTHFEEL Bright juicy acidity, layered tannins and multi-dimensional

AGEABILITY While this wine will hit its stride 3 to 5 years after release, with proper cellaring conditions, it can be enjoyed through 2026

PAIRINGS Freshly harvested uni with finely chopped scallions dropped on top

NOTES FROM THE VINEYARD

Winter leading into the 2016 growing season brought much needed rain after years of drought. Together with cool weather, the rain provided ideal conditions for the vines during dormancy. The final significant rain storm came through in early March and a couple weeks later we saw budbreak mark the start of the growing season. Spring led into a warm summer without any significant heat spikes. With close proximity to the Pacific Ocean, temperatures at Bien Nacido Vineyard remained in the 60s and 70s allowing for a long slow maturation, developing tannins while maintaining great acidity and depth to the wine. Harvest was slow, spanning over a month, as cooler conditions slowed the maturation process.

HARVEST DATES

August 9 - September 14, 2016

ALCOHOL 13.8%

AVERAGE BRIX 24°

BARREL AGING 18 months in barrel; 11 months on primary lees

BARRELS

100% French Oak; 26% New

WHOLE CLUSTER 28%

RELEASE DATE

September 1, 2018