



2012 SYRAH

BIEN NACIDO SANTA MARIA VALLEY

319 CASES PRODUCED

We've been making Bien Nacido Syrah since 1994, Vineyard manager Chris Hammell continues to work his magic here. Our section in block Z has always produced a wine of distinction, but Hammell's farming has turned this block into a showcase of how to produce the best syrah grapes. Organic growing, low yields, and painstaking attention to detail have taken these vines to a new level-and the wines show it. This syrah is a wonderful statement of how good Bien Nacido syrah can be: a wine with fascinatingly complex aromas and dense, woody, berry fruit and zippy exuberance. This is an intensely flavored but completely delicious wine to drink.

BLEND 100% Syrah
VINEYARDS Bien Nacido
AVA Santa Maria Valley
ALCOHOL 13.5%
VINIFICATION 25% New French Oak
BARREL AGING 16 Months
TOTAL PRODUCTION 319 Cases

PRESS REVIEWS

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"Young and unevolved, with beautiful creme de cassis, crushed-rock minerality, black pepper, violet and graphite, the 2012 Syrah Bien Nacido is reminiscent of a solid Hermitage from the fame Le Meal lieu-dit in the Northern Rhone. Medium to full-bodied, beautifully proportioned and seamless, with a layered, silky texture and building tannin on the finish, it could use a tad more mid-palate concentration, yet it's still a brilliant Syrah that does everything right. Drink it anytime over the coming 10-15 years." - JD 95 Points

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