



# 2016 ROUSSANNE

## BIEN NACIDO SANTA MARIA VALLEY

115 CASES PRODUCED

Roussanne is an obscure white Rhone varietal that is planted in a few northern Rhone appellations and is planted in the south as well, most famously at Chateau Beaucastel. It is difficult to grow and requires a lot of hand work to achieve any sort of success.

2013 was the first year we were able to purchase a small amount of Roussanne from cool Bien Nacido Vineyard. Although it is problematic growing Roussanne in such a spot—it ripens extremely late and has a tendency to rot—the advantage is that there is the possibility to make a wine that nicely balances Roussanne’s natural richness with acidity that is better preserved in a cool climate. We have continued in 2016 with the terrific wine.

We kept winemaking interventions to the minimum. This wine was barrel fermented in older French oak barrels, underwent the malo-lactic fermentation and aged on the lees for nine months before bottling in July. It has a beguiling aroma of some delicate flower that I can't seem to place, maybe a narcissus or a daffodil, but it is lovely. The flavors are rich and filling, but not cloying. It is an easy going crowd pleaser and makes a perfect aperitif. Unique and delicious!

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**BLEND** 100% Roussanne  
**VINEYARDS** Bien Nacido  
**AVA** Santa Maria Valley  
**ALCOHOL** 14.5%  
**VINIFICATION** 100% Neutral French Oak  
**BARREL AGING** 9 Months  
**TOTAL PRODUCTION** 115 Cases

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