2018 CHARDONNAY BIEN NACIDO SANTA MARIA VALLEY

The cool 2018 vintage provided a more serious, earthy kind of expression. A kind of flinty minerality girdles the wine's powerful fruit, which steps entirely away from tropical aspects. The profile here speaks to temperate coastal orchards: apple and pear, accented by scents of fresh flowers and that curious bee pollen note we sometimes get here. A wash of lemon curd brings weight and resolves the wine's tension, while minerals and toasty lees surge into the fresh and saline finish.

> 94 Points Antonio Galloni

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