



T O L O S A

Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay 2021 Santa Maria Valley

VINTAGE NOTES

Santa Maria Valley experienced a prolonged growing season due to cooler weather. The combination of variable weather and strong winds in the spring slowed development and affected bloom and set. However, the lower yields, cooler temperatures and longer growing season produced grapes with pronounced acidity and excellent concentration that were picked on October 7th.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

Originally planted by the Miller family in 1973, Bien Nacido is widely considered one of California's most esteemed vineyards. Tucked into the foothills of the Santa Lucia range east of Santa Maria, our grapes are sourced from one of the original 1973 plantings, Block I, that features gravelly loam, shale soils with southern exposures punctuated by mild sunny days and cool afternoon winds.

WINEMAKING

Grapes were whole cluster pressed before being barrel fermented in 25% new French oak. In 2021, full malolactic fermentation was a key part in creating the rich, full character of this wine that was aged for 11 months in 30% new French oak.

Sight	Medium light yellow
Nose	Youthful aromas of melon, peach and golden delicious apple with notes of brioche, yogurt and honeysuckle.
Palate	Medium full bodied, broad, rich flavors of pineapple, lemon, fuji apple and minerals with an underlying acidity and a long finish.