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Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay 2020 Santa Maria Valley

WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2020 vintage of the Bien Nacido Vineyard Chardonnay holds on to its reputation of California elegance. The vintage gave us everything we enjoy about Chardonnay from Bien Nacido Vineyard. You will find the hallmark attributes of subdued tropical fruit notes laced with a zesty acidity. This wine is 100% barrel fermented and aged for 9 months in a combination of new and neutral French oak barrels. The malolactic fermentation for this vintage was only partial, translating into even more tension and freshness in the wine. The minerality and acidity anchors this wine's sophistication.

ABOUT THE VINEYARD

The Bien Nacido Vineyard name holds cachet. The Miller family planted the vineyard in 1973, and now it is considered an acclaimed vineyard internationally. The vineyard lies within the Santa Maria Valley, a transverse valley, that allows an afternoon sea draft and coastal fog to roll into the vineyard at night and moderate the temperature of the vines. The coastal influence preserves the grapes' natural acidity, which you can clearly find on the palate. The vineyard soils are an Elder series which consist of well-drained gravelly loam formed from acid shale and sandstone.

Color	Pale gold with green highlights
On the nose	Salty ocean air, lemonade, apple turnover, powdery limestone, fresh white pepper tree, a hint of guava and yellow nectarine
On the palate	Showcasing a rich and round mouthfeel with notes of nectarine skin, crunchy melon, candied lemon, cinnamon, thyme, and a hint of vanilla on the finish
Varietal	Chardonnay
Fermentation	Fermented in French oak barrels
Aging	9 months, in French oak barrels with 18% of them being new
Vineyards	Bien Nacido Vineyard
AVA	Santa Maria Valley
Enjoy	2022-2031