
BIEN NACIDO VINEYARD PINOT NOIR 2013



VINEYARDS

Bien Nacido is a well-known vineyard in the Santa Maria Valley. On a bench that overlooks the Sisquoc River, this highly-esteemed vineyard is quite large and has numerous slopes and aspects. Bien Nacido, literally Spanish for “Born Well”, is one of the vineyards in Santa Barbara where Steele Wines purchases Pinot Noir grapes. Many of our most prestigious wineries in California purchase grapes from this vineyard. Our favorite block for the single vineyard wines is “N-Block” which gives the most intense fruit.

WINE STYLE & TASTING NOTES

Fermentations are carried out with as little manipulation as possible. The wines from Bien Nacido are deeper, richer and with more color and body than from other vineyards. Our aging program is always in French oak barrels which are heavily toasted during the bending of the staves. This vineyard, given its coastal influence, produces a wine with aromas and flavors of freshly picked strawberry, Bing cherry, cloves and spice. It maintains a balance of acidity and a finish that lingers of sweet tobacco and spices. This wine is always elegant, perfumed, and alluring.

FOOD PAIRINGS

The rich fruit of this wine will compliment grilled filet steaks or a seared Ahi tuna.

APPELLATION Santa Maria Valley, Santa Barbara County **HARVEST DATES** October 14th, 2013 **ALCOHOL** 13.5%
BRIX Average 25.3 **pH** 3.75 **TA** .6g/100mL **BARREL AGING** 12 months in French; 30% new oak **VINE AGE** Avg. 30 years
YIELDS 3 tons per acre **CASE PRODUCTION** 150 cases **MSRP** \$36